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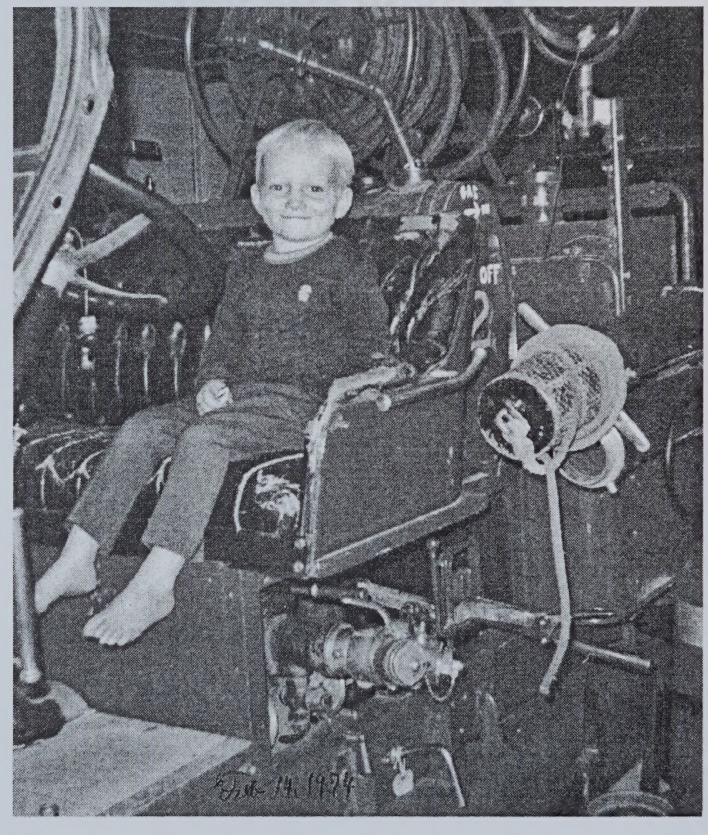
This year we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Gene Doe Jr. being a member of the Freedom Fire Department.



As a small boy growing up in Freedom he always knew that he would one day become Fire Chief. When he reached the required age of 14 Gene joined the department as a junior member. Over the years Gene has become educated not only in firefighting but also in first response. There are many a person who when needing medical aid can be heard saying "Where's Gene?" he brings a sense of comfort to those in need with his medical knowledge and expertise. For more than 28 years Gene has volunteered his time and talent to this town as a member and for 2 years has been a full time Chief. So when you see Gene, thank him for his time and devotion to the people of our town.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator: Donald G. Johnson, 2010

Selectmen
James Brown, 2010
Leslie Babb, 2011
Neal Boyle, 2012

Town Administrator
Karen Hatch

Administrative Assistant
Linda Farinella

Road Agent
Scott Brooks, 2010

Police Chief
Josh Shackford

Fire Chief/FF Warden
Gene Doe, Jr.

Emergency Management Directors
Gene Doe/Justin Brooks

Safety Officer
Kelly McClare

Animal Control
JoAnne Gayer

Town Clerk
A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2010

Treasurer
Pamela Clemens-Keith, 2010

Tax Collector
Annette Babb, 2011
Christine Gill, Deputy

Supervisors of the Checklist
Daniel Brooks, 2010
Albert Godfrey, 2012
Patricia McCoy, 2014

Cemetery Trustees
Paul Wheeler, 2010
Elizabeth Godfrey, 2011
Sue Brown, 2012 Resigned

Trustee of Trust Funds
Patricia McCoy, 2012
Paul Wheeler, 2010
Sue Brown, 2011 Resigned

Transfer Station Operator
Justin Brooks

Town Buildings Custodian
Mark McKinley

Zoning Officer
Ned Hatfield

Building Inspector

Robert Babine

Conservation Commission

Justin Brooks, 2010
Stephen Jones, 2010
Robert Hatch, 2010
Alice Custard, 2011
Robert Oram, 2011
Frank Seabury, Alt 2011
Susan Hoople, Alt 2012
Michael Gaudette, 2012
Gregory Bossart, 2012

Town Forest Advisory Committee

Robert Hatch, 2010
Ron Newbury, 2010
Stephen Jones, 2011
David Charrette, 2011
Janet Meyers, 2011
Chuck Depew, 2012
Leslie Babb, Sel. Rep.

Planning Board

Anne Cunningham, 2010
Pamela Clemens-Keith, 2010
Peter Schiller, 2011
Anne-Marie Battles, 2011
Peter Park, 2012
Janet Meyers, 2012
Neal Boyle, Sel. Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Karl Ogren, 2010
Todd Desmarais, 2010
Scott Lees, 2011
Craig Niiler, 2012
Timothy Cupka, 2012
Maynard Thomson, Alt. 2010
Kim Cyr, Alt, 2010
Jacob Stephan, Alt, 2010
Paul Wheeler, Alt, 2011
Howard Bouvé, Alt. 2012

Library Trustees

Karen Schiller, 2010
Anne Cunningham, 2011
Margaret Scully, 2012

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN OF FREEDOM, N.H.
TOWN MEETING – MARCH 10, 2009

WARRANT - MINUTES

Town meeting and the election of officers were both held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Freedom Town Hall.

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, reviewed the election procedures with the election workers in the downstairs of the Town Hall and then opened the polls for voting. Election workers present were: Donald Johnson, Moderator, Beth Earle, Assistant Moderator, Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, Sue Brown, Deputy Town Clerk, Alice Haslett and Heidi Tourigny, Ballot Clerks, Peter Schiller, Gatekeeper. [Rochelle Brooks joined the election staff as a ballot clerk later in the day.] Daniel Brooks, Patricia McCoy and Albert Godfrey, the Supervisors of the Checklist, were also present, assisted by George Buzzell.

After opening the polls downstairs, Mr. Johnson went upstairs and commenced with the deliberative portion of town meeting.

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. and explained that the polls had been opened downstairs for the election of the town and school officials and also to vote on Article 2 as proposed by the planning board.

Mr. Johnson explained the use of the voter cards. He noted that Supervisor of the Checklist Pat McCoy, assisted by George Buzzell, had been checking people in to the upstairs hall using the checklist and providing the voter cards, to be used for voting purposes throughout the meeting. Mr. Johnson also noted that the Freedom Historical Society was offering coffee and donuts and accepting donations.

Mr. Johnson introduced himself to the assembly and then proceeded to introduce those officials seated at the table on the stage: Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, Susan Slack, Town Counsel, and the Board of Selectmen: James Brown, Donna Cupka, Chairman, and Les Babb.

Mr. Johnson noted that Sue Brown, Deputy Town Clerk, Beth Earle, Assistant Moderator, Alice Haslett, Heidi Tourigny, Pete Schiller, Albert Godfrey and Bud Brooks were working downstairs at the polls.

Mr. Johnson noted that the rules of the meeting are as stated on Page 2 of the Town Report. He asked that anybody wishing to speak, please raise your hand to be recognized – and explained about the use of the term: "point of order".

Mr. Johnson led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Johnson turned the meeting over to Donna Cupka, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, for the awarding of the Boston Post Cane to Ted Acton. Donna provided a brief explanation of the history of the cane prior to the presentation. Mr. Acton accepted the cane and thanked the Selectmen.

Mr. Johnson commenced the meeting with the reading of the Warrant:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday the 10th day of March 2009 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the Freedom Town Hall.

Mr. Johnson read the first two Articles, noting that these are written warrant articles and are being voted on at the polls downstairs.

For the purposes of these minutes, the results are included herein.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

TOWN OFFICES:

Selectman – three (3) years:		John Krebs	137
		Neal E. Boyle	150
	Write-ins:	Donna Cupka	4
		Scott Lees	3
		AJ Battles	2
		Josh Battles	1
		Les Babb	1
		Janet Meyers	1

Neal E. Boyle was declared the winner.

Treasurer – one (1) year:		Pamela Clemons-Keith	265
	Write-ins:	Donna Cupka	1
		Karen Hatch	1
		Alan Grant	1
		Pat McCoy	1

Pamela Clemons-Keith was declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust Funds – three (3) year term:

	Patricia E. McCoy	266
Write-ins:	Wendell Brooks	1
	Janice Zecher	1

Patricia E. McCoy was declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee – three (3) years:		Sue A. Brown	270
	Write-ins:	Betty Godfrey	2
		Janice Zecher	1

Sue A. Brown was declared the winner.

Planning Board Members – three (3) years – **vote for two**:

	Peter Scott Park	242
Write-ins:	Janet Meyers	74
	Scott Brooks	1
	Scott Lees	1
	Don Welch	1
Pam Keith	1	
	Charlie Bojus	1
	Daiva Hampton	1
	AJ Battles	1
	Janet Brown	1
	Martin Furnbach	1
	Ron Newbury	1
	Gene Doe	1
	Karl Ogren	1
	Alan Davidson	1
	Andy Drummond	1
	Maynard Thomson	1

Peter Scott Park and Janet Meyers were declared the winners.

Library Trustee – three (3) years:		David W. Pomerleau, Sr.	43
		Margaret Scully	244
	Write-in:	Joel Rhymer	1

Margaret Scully was declared the winner.

SCHOOL OFFICES:

School Board Member – three (3) years:		Denise Cloutier	93
		Marcia Cunningham Santner	45
		Joyce Marie Watson	136
	Write-ins:	Lisa Wheeler	3
		Todd Desmarais	3
		Pat Hatfield	2
		Carol Stansell	2

Joyce Marie Watson was declared the winner.

School Treasurer – three (3) years:		Patricia E. McCoy	254
	Write-ins:	Joyce Watson	2
		Jim Farinella	1
		Eric Bossidy	1

Patricia E. McCoy was declared the winner.

School District Auditor – one (1) year: [no candidate on ballot]

The following all received one (1) write-in vote each – a **winner was not declared**:

Don Johnson	Ernest Day
William Nason	Jane Johnson
Bruce Mailman	Janet Brown
Lee Allison	Janet Meyers
Laurie Mailman	Tom Kondrat
James Shuff	

School District Clerk – one (1) year: [no candidate on ballot]

Write-ins:	Carol Stansell	10
	Sue Brown	1
	Holly Brooks	1

Carol Stansell was declared the winner.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

"Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments to the existing town zoning ordinance to permit single-family workforce housing in parts of the General Residential, Residential/Light Commercial and Rural Residential Districts, and to permit multi-family workforce housing in the Residential/Light Commercial District and part of the Rural Residential District along Route 153, in compliance with state law (RSA 674:58-61), as proposed by the planning board?"

YES: 201 **NO: 92**

ARTICLE 2 passes.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for year 2009:

The Moderator asked the Selectmen for a motion to include the total to be raised and appropriated by this Article.

Donna Cupka MADE A MOTION to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,080,713.00 for Article 3.

SECONDED: Justin Brooks.

The Moderator explained to the meeting that we would be discussing this Article section by section, commencing with the Total for General Government of $375,544.00.

Selectman Cupka explained that this amount includes making Linda Farinella full time (from part time) in the town office with an increase in the hours that the town office will be open. Currently the office is open from 8am to 1:00pm Monday – Thursday and will be increased to 3:00pm Monday – Thursday, noting that these changes are necessary due to the increased demand for services.

Anne Cunningham asked about the increase in the health benefits; Selectman Cupka explained that the new full time position would have benefits, which had been added in.

Jane Davidson noted that 8-3 is only 28 hours; Selectman Cupka explained that the office is open 28 hours to the public – Monday - Thursday, but the staff also works on Fridays; and 32 hours is considered full time.

The next sections and totals were read by the Moderator, as follows:

Public Safety: $499,982.00 – no discussion.

Highways and Streets: $750,254.00 – no discussion.

Sanitation: $191,992.00 – no discussion.

Health: $13,935.00 – no discussion.

Welfare: $10,150.00 – no discussion.

Culture and Recreation: $73,950.00 – no discussion.

Conservation: $13,800.00 – no discussion.

Debt Service: $151,106.00 – no discussion.

The Moderator asked for further discussion on Article 3 – totaling $2,080,713.00:

Jane Davidson asked about the increase in the Fire Chief's Salary & Expenses: Selectman Brown noted that this is the first full year – last year's figures were for a partial year.

Betty Godfrey commented about the cemeteries needing more care and upkeep and asked about adding more money and made a MOTION TO AMEND the cemeteries line item by $10,000.00, to increase the line from $2,700 to $12,700 – and corrected the wording to increase the total bottom line of Article 3 from $2,080,713.00 to $2,090,713.00, recommending that the $10,000.00 increase be for the cemetery line item of the budget; SECONDED by Rick Zecher.

Discussion.

Justin Brooks MADE A MOTION to move the question.

The Moderator explained to the meeting what this meant: If the meeting votes to move the question, all discussion stops on this amendment and the meeting will proceed to vote on the amendment; if the motion to move fails, the discussion will continue.

VOTE on motion to move the question: YES, by majority. The motion to move carried.

VOTE ON proposed Amendment to raise the total of Article 3 by $10,000.00: NO – by majority. The Motion to Amend fails.

Discussion continued on Article 3 in its original form.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 3 - $2,080,713.00: YES – the article carries.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $70,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund for up to 12 acres of land. This is currently part of Map 3 Lot 11 which abuts the Ossipee Lake Road.

Emery Stokes made a MOTION TO POSTPONE Article 4 until Article 26 has been considered; SECONDED by Judith Blake.

Mr. Stokes explained that Article 26 should be heard first, noting that there is a plan to move the town offices out of the village, and he feels the town offices are a vital part of the village, and that more information is required and Article 26 would deal with that.

Discussion.

John Shipman asked the Moderator if there was a difference between the terms "postpone" and "table"; the Moderator explained that to postpone would be to continue, to table would end further discussion of Article 4.

Scott Brooks asked if Article 4 was passed over to discuss Article 26, did that mean the meeting would never hear the Selectmen's explanation of Article 4?

The Moderator explained not as he understood it – Article 26 would be discussed and then Article 4, if the motion to postpone carries.

Scott Brooks expressed concern to the Moderator that if Article 26 carries, it is possible that the explanation for Article 4 may not be heard, and asked for a ruling from the Town's Attorney.

After discussion, it was noted by Susan Slack, town counsel, that both Articles could come forward, with separate motions, and be brought to the floor for discussion at the same time, but would need to be voted on separately.

Regarding the motion to postpone, Elizabeth Rhymer asked if it would be possible for the people who proposed the Motion and seconded it to withdraw the motion and second. Mr. Stokes and Mrs. Blake both said: "No.".

Donna Cupka made a MOTION TO MOVE the question.

VOTE on Motion to Move: YES – the motion to move carried.

VOTE on Motion to Postpone Article 4 until Article 26 has been considered: YES, the Motion carries.

John Krebs made a MOTION to consider Articles 4 and 26 concurrently, and to vote on Article 26 only after hearing the Selectmen's presentation for Article 4; SECONDED by Scott Brooks.

The Moderator noted that after discussion, Article 26 would have to be voted on first, then Article 4.

Maynard Thomson asked the Moderator for a point of order – asking about a written ballot.

The Moderator explained that Article 4 will be by written ballot, as he'd already received a petition signed by five voters.

VOTE on MOTION to consider Articles 26 and 4 concurrently, so as to be able to hear the Selectmen's presentation on Article 4: YES – by majority. The motion carried.

The Moderator proceeded to read Article 26:

Article 26: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will limit the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund by directing that no land be purchased with the Fund without the specific approval of Town Meeting, and not until the Town, through the Board of Selectmen, have produced: 1) a current Building Evaluation to include a professional assessment of the potential for expansion and upgrade capacity of town-owned buildings and parcels of land, and 2) a Cost Estimate Summary to include professional estimates for the improvement of existing buildings and also for the purchase of new land and construction of new facilities. The expenses of generating said Building Evaluation and Cost Estimate Summary shall not exceed 10% of the balance in the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund, including any sums added to the Fund at the 2009 Town Meeting.

(Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: Emery Stokes
SECONDED: Elizabeth Rhymer

The Moderator then proceeded to read Article 4:

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $70,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund for up to 12 acres of land. This is currently part of Map 3 Lot 11 which abuts the Ossipee Lake Road.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Discussion on Article 26: Emery Stokes spoke to Article 26, noting that monies had been placed in capital reserve funds for many things, but felt the money should never be used without a plan and a total layout of the costs involved, noting that we are in very poor economic times, and that professional input is needed and he expressed concern about having two empty buildings.

Discussion on Article 4: Selectman Babb did a presentation on behalf of the Selectmen, explaining that research had been done about the costs, maps are available and were presented, and a build-out analysis has been obtained.

Mr. Babb presented details regarding other properties that had been looked in to and noted it is necessary to consider the surrounding area, accessibility, traffic patterns and of special concern was emergency vehicle access, explaining that the placement of the town complex would have an adverse affect on surrounding property values and will dramatically change the character of the area. The Ossipee Lake Road property was chosen for its location and the fact that there has surrounding land to act as a buffer. Mr. Babb noted that White Mountain Survey had done test pits on the land and found it to be buildable. He noted that the Fire Department Lot – deeded to the Town in 1978 – according to the build-out analysis of that lot performed by White Mountain Survey – would sustain the Town Office building and parking for that building and septic only, not the town offices, police and fire departments. Cost estimates were received from Bowen Construction and it is estimated that the project will cost $3,542,900.00.

Mr. Babb noted that the School Bond will be paid off in 2010 and it is estimated that after considering the money from the capital reserve fund, if Article 4 were to pass. the additional tax would be 45 cents per thousand and used a $200,000.00 home as an example, stating the increase is estimated at an additional $90.00 per year.

Discussion.

Justin Brooks made a MOTION TO MOVE the question. VOTE on Motion to Move: YES – the motion to move carried.

The Moderator announced the meeting would proceed to vote – voting on Article 26 first.

Selectman Brown asked the Moderator for a point of order – asking that the town's attorney be allowed to speak to the legality of Article 26.

The Moderator ruled the point of order to be out of order, as the motion to move the question had been approved and stated the meeting would proceed to vote on Article 26.

John Paiva asked for a point of order – asking for a secret ballot; he was joined by many others in this request and the Moderator said that a secret, written ballot was already going to be used for Article 4 and that he would allow it also for Article 26.

The Moderator was asked if both Article 26 and Article 4 could be voted on at the same time and he answered no – the Articles have to be voted on separately.

The meeting then proceeded to vote by written ballot on Article 26:

RESULTS: 93 YES 41 NO

Article 26 carries.

The Moderator then went to Article 4.

John Krebs made a MOTION TO TABLE Article 4; SECONDED by Justin Brooks.

Mr. Krebs noted that Articles 4 and 26 go hand in hand.

Discussion.

Maynard Thomson asked the Moderator for a point of order. The Moderator asked for an opinion from Town Counsel first regarding the motion to table.

Attorney Slack noted that the meeting could proceed to Vote on Article 4 only if the motion to table is either withdrawn or fails.

John Krebs asked if there was a need to vote on Article 4, because the passage of Article 26 makes Article 4 moot?

Attorney Slack noted that if Article 4 is tabled, there would be no vote, no movement forward. Article 26 passed, but there are legal issues with the wording of Article 26 and that Article 26 is legally ineffective, as Article 26 seeks to have the

Selectmen spend money from the capital reserve fund on existing town buildings and the capital reserve fund, as currently established, is not for that purpose. State law doesn't allow the expenditure of money from a capital reserve fund not for the purpose intended.

Attorney Slack noted that in order to change the purpose of an existing capital reserve fund, it would need to be done by a separate warrant article and would require a 2/3 majority vote, by state law. Spending money from the existing Capital Reserve Fund on Article 26 is inappropriate under the law.

Discussion on the motion to table.

Ed Reed asked for more information from town counsel on the legal opinion for Article 26.

Attorney Slack explained that the article does not contain a specific amount and doubts that the Department of Revenue Administration will find the article appropriate.

The Moderator pointed out that there are legal technicalities involved. Article 26 was passed. Article 26 and Article 4 were discussed together and it was agreed that the meeting would act on Article 4 after Article 26 – and now there is a motion on the floor to table Article 4. The Moderator announced we would proceed to vote and that a vote "Yes" would mean Article 4 would be tabled.

Anne Cunningham asked the Moderator for a point of order – asking why now?

The Moderator brought the meeting back to the discussion of the motion to table.

John Paiva noted that this is very confusing, that it would be wrong to table Article 4, and still favored voting on Article 4.

John Shipman asked the Moderator if there would be more discussion if Article 4 is not tabled.

The Moderator said yes – there would be more discussion allowed if Article 4 is not tabled.

Maynard Thomson encouraged the meeting to vote yes to table and questioned the legal opinion regarding Article 26.

Pat McCoy noted that the meeting needed to be very specific in its instructions, as this Article, even if tabled, could come back again under the final article - Article 28 - "any other business", unless specifically worded otherwise.

The Moderator confirmed that this Article could come back under Article 28.

Scott Brooks asked the Moderator for a point of order: if an Article is tabled, can it come back on to the table?

The Moderator said that a tabled article can come back on to the table and this was confirmed by Attorney Slack.

Robert Libby, Jr. asked a question of legal counsel: Article 26 passed but with legal questions, and if there is a Yes vote on Article 4, can other conditions of Article 26 still be met?

Attorney Slack noted that Article 26 is asking the Selectmen to get professional assistance and input, but the current capital reserve fund cannot be used for that purpose. No money was raised or appropriated in Article 26. The Selectmen's hands are tied. The Selectmen have no authority and cannot expend town money.

Robert Libby: if Article 4 passes, can the project still continue if volunteers come forward?

Attorney Slack: If Article 4 passes, the Town will buy the land. If there is any

other way to accomplish the goals of Article 26 without money, that can happen as well.

The Moderator brought the meeting back to the motion to table discussion.

John Krebs started to speak and Justin Brooks MADE A MOTION to MOVE the question.

The Moderator then proceeded with the vote on the Motion to Table Article 4, done by a count of hands:

RESULTS: 46 YES 64 NO

The Motion to Table was defeated.

The meeting then proceeded to the secret written ballot on Article 4:

RESULTS: 44 YES 85 NO

Article 4 is defeated.

Scott Cunningham made a MOTION to restrict the reconsideration of Article 4; SECONDED by Betty Godfrey.

The Moderator explained that under the final article, it is possible to bring any action back for reconsideration unless voted not to – and this was be a vote to restrict re-consideration and can be approved by those present. Further reconsideration could be done in the future but with specific timing and publication requirements. A vote in favor of this motion would mean that this Article cannot be brought back at this meeting today.

Attorney Slack concurred.

Discussion.

Vote on Motion to Restrict: YES – the motion to restrict carried.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$31,800.00** for this year's contract with Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. to complete the necessary new construction assessing and all other assessing duties required for the year.

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Cupka noted that this is the first increase in four years.

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 5: YES – by majority. Article 5 carries.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$30,400.00** to seal coat on Town Roads.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 6: YES, by majority. Article 6 carries.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$68,000.00** to repave on Town Roads.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Glen McCracken

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 7: YES – unanimous. Article 7 carries.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$11,000.00** for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 8: YES – unanimous. Article 8 carries.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$24,000.00** for the remaining upgrade on Rice Hill Road.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 9: YES, unanimous. Article 9 carries.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$33,500.00** for the crushing of gravel for the use on town roads.

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 10: YES – unanimous. Article 10 carries.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,900.00 to install vinyl siding on the front and north side of the Town Hall.

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Brown spoke to the Article, noting that it would either be Article 11 or Article 12 – or neither – that the clapboards were in serious need of attention, that there is a moisture problem and the clapboards will not hold paint.

Discussion.

Jim Shuff asked the question that if Article 23 is passed, would the Heritage Commission regulate vinyl siding?

Selectman Brown answered no - that the Heritage Commission would let the Selectmen know what should be done.

John Shipman recommended voting down Articles 11 and 12, as the Heritage Commission, if approved, would look at all structures, apply for grant applications and other savings and make recommendations for the repairs to the Selectmen.

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 11: NO – by majority. Article 11 is defeated.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,500.00 to repaint the front and north side of the Town Hall.

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Betty Godfrey

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 12: NO – by majority. Article 12 is defeated.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$39,925.00** to purchase a new 2009 4 x 4 police package cruiser.

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Brown noted that this would be for a new Tahoe police cruiser and that the old cruiser would go to the Fire Chief for his use, noting the Fire Chief was currently being reimbursed for the use of his own vehicle.

VOTE on Article 13: YES – by majority. Article 13 carries.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$14,300.00** for the chemical treatment of milfoil in Danforth Bay. If this article passes, donations to offset some of the cost have been pledged from Danforth Bay Campground for $4,000.00 and Ossipee Lake Marina for $2,500.00.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: James Brown
Donna Cupka made a MOTION to add the words: " and a $5,000.00 pledge donation from Bruce Howlett" to the article; SECONDED by James Brown.
Les Babb pointed out that this wording would not change the total of the Article, just clarify the language, noting the money needs to be appropriated to be spent.

Discussion.

VOTE on Motion to Amend Article 14 by adding the words: "and a $5,000.00 pledge donation from Bruce Howlett": YES – unanimous. Motion to amend carries.
Discussion returned to Article 14 as amended: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,300.00 for the chemical treatment of milfoil in Danforth Bay. If this article passes, donations to offset some of the cost have been pledged from Danforth Bay Campground for $4,000.00 and Ossipee Lake Marina for $2,500.00, and a $5,000.00 pledge donation from Bruce Howlett."

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 14 as amended: YES – unanimous. Article 14 as amended carries.

Article 15:
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **$5,000.00**, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year.
MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: Justin Brooks
Selectman Cupka noted that this vote would allow the account to be accessed.

VOTE on Article 15: YES – unanimous. Article 15 carries.

Article 16:
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **$8,000.00**, to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund, for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year.
MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: Robert Oram

VOTE on Article 16: YES – unanimous. Article 16 carries.

Article 17:
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the original 2004 "Removal of Milfoil" Capital Reserve Fund. This is a housekeeping article as requested by the Department of Revenue and has a zero balance.

MOTION: Donna Cupka
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Donna Cupka explained that this was mainly an issue for bookkeeping purposes – two accounts were created when only one was needed.

VOTE on Article 17: YES – unanimous. Article 17 carries.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$50,000.00** to be added to the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article and recommended the additional funds be placed in to the existing account.

Laura Thomson asked if this money could be spent on the old buildings for re-hab purposes.

The Moderator let Attorney Slack answer the question: No - the purpose of the capital reserve fund would need to be changed, when the timing is appropriate, by a warrant article.

The Moderator further noted that there would have to be an Article in the Warrant and would require a 2/3 majority vote to change the purpose.

John Shipman asked what the intent was – is the committee still going forward?

Selectman Babb noted that there is still the need – the present town office building still has deficiencies and there are still requirements, and there is a concern that the building could be closed down or condemned.

John Shipman asked if the selectmen wanted more citizen input – more people involved?

Selectmen Babb answered "the more the better" – stating the Selectmen would like to get the studies done and bring it back to Town Meeting.

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 18 – by hand count: **60 Yes, 28 No – Article 18 carries.**

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$30,000.00** to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: James Brown
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

Discussion.

Ed Reed noted the FDIC limits of $250,000.00 and wanted to be sure the safeguards on these accounts were checked.

Attorney Slack noted that there is a statute to have investment policies that deal with issues of risk and the statute limits where the investments can be made.

VOTE on Article 19: YES – by majority. Article 19 carries.

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$10,000.00** to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: Les Babb

SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Selectman Babb noted that this account is also used for unexpected expenses for repairs if needed.

VOTE on Article 20: YES – by majority. Article 20 carries.

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund, for the purposes of repairing the Library and/or replacing and purchasing equipment for the Library from time to time as authorized by the statute; to raise and appropriate **$1,000.00** to place in said trust fund; and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend funds in the trust for the purposes of the trust. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0).

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: Anne Cunningham

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 21: YES – unanimous. Article 21 carries.

Article 22: (By Petition)

Shall the Town approve the request of The Ossipee Children's Fund (OCF) stating that it has helped children in Freedom each year; that this year OCF will provide 7 children with grants totaling $2,590; and requesting that **$650.00** be raised and appropriated to OCF in order to fund 25% of those grants? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: Donna Cupka

SECONDED: James Brown

Betty Godfrey noted that she had never heard of this fund and asked what it is and where it is.

Selectman Brown noted that usually when an Article is placed on the Warrant by Petition, one of the signers of the Petition is present to speak to the Article, but it appeared that there wasn't anybody present today.

Peg Scully spoke on behalf and in support of the Article – noting that the organization sends children to camp – that she donates every year and that it is a very

reputable organization and she was sorry there wasn't anybody present to answer more questions, but she recommended voting in favor of the article.

VOTE on Article 22: YES – by majority. Article 22 carries.

Article 23: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission and a Heritage Fund that is non-lapsing, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674:44-a, 44-b, 44-d, and 44-c if applicable (supp. 1995) or take any other action relating thereto.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1-0)

MOTION: Gail Morris
SECONDED: Pam Keith

Gail Morris spoke to the Article – noting that the Heritage Commission would be non-regulatory and advisory, working hand in hand with the Town and the Board of Selectmen - and by establishing the Commission, would be eligible for grants. The Commission would be dealing with buildings and sites of historic interest. Ms. Morris noted that there are at least forty Heritage Commissions in the State of New Hampshire at this time. The Heritage Commission is not regulatory. Cemeteries come under the Heritage Commission, too. The Heritage Commission would establish an inventory and this will help in the future determining needs and priorities.

VOTE on Article 23: YES – by majority. Article 23 carries.

Article 24: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint 3-7 citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5, to appoint up to 5 additional citizens as alternate members, or take any other action relating thereto. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2-1-0)

MOTION: John Shipman
SECONDED: Gail Bizer

Gail Morris spoke to the Article. She noted that the article contains very complex language – this would be a non-regulatory commission – the language has been very carefully checked – and noted that applications have been handed out and there are already people ready to serve on the commission.

Selectman Babb noted that there is a volunteer form inserted in the back of the Town Report, which can be used to volunteer for any town committee or board.

VOTE on Article 24: YES – by majority. Article 24 carries.

Article 25: (By Petition)

The Freedom Historical Society and its members respectfully request the town to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to address the most urgent repairs to the Allard house/barn to help protect significant historical and cultural treasures.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0)

MOTION: Justin Brooks
SECONDED: Scott Brooks

Bonnie Burroughs, President of the Historical Society, spoke to the Article, noting that the Historical Society has a wonderful museum and invited visitors. The Historical Society had local contractor Steve Woodard do a review of the building last fall and the museum is in need of an estimated $40,000.00 for repairs to the roof, the chimney and the barn's sill. The Historical Society has received approximately $800 in private donations and is looking at grants.

Gail Morris spoke in favor of this Article and noted that the reason the Historical Society is only asking for $10,000.00 is that working with the Heritage Commission, the Historical Society may be eligible for a Collaborative Grant along with the Old Home Week Committee and possibly the Conservation Commission – and they are hoping to be able to raise the other $40,000.00.

VOTE on Article 25: YES – by majority. Article 25 carries.

[Article 26: was handled earlier in the meeting – see Article 4 above.**]**

Article 27:

To review real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed since the last annual Town Meeting to consider whether or not to sell any or all such properties and the appropriate terms and conditions regarding their sale.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Justin Brooks

VOTE on Article 27 to review: YES – by majority. Article 27 carries.

Tax Collector Ann Babb addressed the meeting, noting that there are only two properties: Map 28A, Lot 44 on Spindle Point and Map 23, Lot 48 in Mt. View. (Both pieces are raw land – no buildings.)

Discussion.

Selectman Les Babb noted that the properties had just been taken, so terms and conditions were not yet determined and turned further discussion over to town counsel.

Attorney Slack noted that the prior owners have three years to redeem the taxes. The Town can sell but must give the former owner thirty (30) days notice.

The Moderator asked the Selectmen if the Town intends to wait the three years? Selectman Babb said yes – because the owners can redeem.

No further discussion.

Article 28:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Selectman James Brown wanted to clarify the capital reserve fund language wording issue, stating that on March 14, 2006, Article 6 gave the specific wording for establishing the capital reserve fund.

Selectman Donna Cupka asked if it were possible to present the Trustees' Report in summary form in the future and the Moderator advised her to put that in a motion form:

Donna Cupka made a MOTION that the Selectmen be authorized to make the Trustees' Accounting in future town reports in the summary format; SECONDED by Les Babb.

Jim Blake asked: "Why?" – and Selectman Cupka explained that it would save paper and printing costs. The Selectmen's Assistant, Karen Hatch, also noted that other towns do not publish the details, only the summary.

Neal Boyle asked how the details could be obtained if not presented in the town report.

Selectman Cupka noted that the information was available at all times at the Town Office.

VOTE on MOTION to authorize the Selectmen to make the Trustees' Accounting in a summary format in future town reports: YES – by majority. The motion carried.

Selectman Donna Cupka presented a Certificate of Appreciation to be given to Brian Hampton for his 17 years of service to the Town, and also thanked Beth Earle for her 4 years of dedicated service.

Selectman Babb thanked Donna for her years of service as a Selectman.

Donna thanked the Town and said it had been a very valuable education, that Freedom is a great town and blessed with its employees and that she looks forward to serving in other venues, noting that when she had been approached about becoming a Selectman, Les Babb had told her: "it only requires Monday nights!"

The Moderator, Donald Johnson, thanked all present for having conducted the meeting very well - passionately, but respectfully.

The Moderator then introduced our Fire Chief, Gene Doe, who then showed those assembled the Town's new Cardiac Monitor – which has a $31,000.00 value – which the Town was able to purchase for $6,500.00.

The Moderator then announced the unofficial total of today's Warrant Articles - $2,448,288.00, further noting that the School Budget from the night before had been approximately $3.4 million.

Bobbi McCracken asked – where do we stand on Article 26 – it was noted that Article 26 might not be legal, and we voted not to purchase the land?

The Moderator noted that Article 26 had been passed, but Article 26 includes a provision not to exceed 10% of what is in the capital reserve fund. However, it is highly unlikely that the Department of Revenue Administration will approve the spending of any money based on that language. Regardless of that, there may be other ways to accomplish the intents of Article 26 if it can be done without the expenditure of money, and it seems, due to potential volunteers, that other ways have surfaced, and asked town counsel to confirm his statements.

Attorney Slack concurred and noted that one issue – the statement that "no land will be purchased" without Town Meeting is incorrect. The Selectmen are agents for the town and can spend money without town meeting approval. Last year's warrant article designated the Selectmen and granted them the authority to acquire and sell town land, and the Selectmen can proceed under that authority. The direction in Article 26 is advisory only.

John Shipman asked what is preventing the changing of the wording on the capital reserve fund?

The Moderator noted that a specific Article must be placed on the Warrant – to provide due notice – and the vote would then require a 2/3 majority vote – so that any change would be at least one year out.

Selectman James Brown noted that as far as the Fund goes, the Selectmen could have bought the land but didn't – the Selectmen wanted to bring the issue forward to town meeting and get the town's input.

Attorney Slack further noted that the authority to acquire and sell can still be controlled by the town. If a petition is submitted, signed by fifty registered voters, it would automatically put the question off to the next Town Meeting. Any action by the Selectmen would require at least two public hearings and publication of the notice of the hearings and it would be known.

Maynard Thomson asked if Attorney Slack had prepared a written opinion of the alleged illegalities of Article 26.

Attorney Slack confirmed that she had; the Selectmen concurred.

Jane Davidson noted that as a taxpayer, she felt the town meeting should have been told about the legal issues of Article 26 before all the time was spent on Article 26.

Selectman Babb explained that he had tried to get the Moderator's attention – and the Moderator confirmed and said he had had to deny the Selectmen the right to speak, as the Motion to Move the Article forward was already on the floor, and under the rules of procedure, further discussion was not allowed, as a motion to move the question shuts off all further debate.

Selectman Babb further noted that getting the town meeting input was very valuable to the Selectmen.

Discussion.

Emery Stokes asked about the Town Hall siding issues and because both articles were voted down, would there be any money to find out about the problems?

Selectman Brown noted that the issue would now rest with the Heritage Commission – to determine what is needed and come back to the Selectmen.

Lee Fritz said she was confused as to what had taken place with Articles 26 and 4.

Attorney Slack noted that Article 4 didn't have to be on the Warrant – the Selectmen already had the authority to purchase land, but had decided to bring the article forward to town meeting.

Anne Cunningham asked if there is any way that Article 26 can be used?

The Moderator stated only if the professional help can be obtained without the expenditure of any town funds.

Attorney Slack confirmed that – noting that as long as no funds are required, Article 26 is a strong advisory vote only – at the discretion of the Selectmen.

Selectman Cupka noted that Ann Marshall has volunteered to provide free professional services, but will not be available until after May, due to prior commitments, so there may be an avenue for Article 26 to move forward and the Selectmen welcome her input and look forward to working with her.

Maynard Thomson asked if Article 4 was advisory?

Selectman Brown explained that the Selectmen already had the authority to

purchase the land but didn't – wanted to bring the matter forward to get the Town's opinion at town meeting.

Attorney Slack noted that the Selectmen were given the legal authority last year and have full authority legally to make the purchase. It would require two public hearings – with publication – and at the end of the second hearing, a Petition can be presented, signed by fifty registered voters – and the selectmen cannot go forward. Approval was granted under RSA 41:14a last year.

Discussion.

James Brown made a MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECONDED by all.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe

SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC HEARING TO PETITION
THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

DATE: 05-11-09

7:15pm Babb announced a Public Hearing to petition the Department of Revenue for an emergency expenditure of $5,700.00 that is unbudgeted to replace the leaking boiler at the library. These monies are being requested to come from fund balance.

Babb asked for any public comment.

Peg Scully, Library Trustee, asked if DRA can deny the Town's request. Babb explained that if all paperwork is not filed correctly, yes, it could possibly be denied.

Motion by Boyle, seconded by Brown to petition the Department of Revenue to expend $5,700.00 of fund balance to pay for the replacement boiler at the library. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Leslie R. Babb
James W. Brown
Neal E. Boyle

TOWN MEETING – MARCH 9, 2010

WARRANT

The polls will be open from 9:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom in the County of Carroll in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Freedom will be held at the **Freedom School** on Tuesday the 9th day of March 2010 at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects.

There will be voting by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers and for adoption of Zoning Amendments. The polls open at 9:00am and close at 7:00pm unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7:00pm.

All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon beginning at 9:00am at the **Freedom School**.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot)

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Freedom Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend the Flood Plain Development Ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

(Approved by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Freedom Zoning Ordinance as follows: to add temporary non-commercial camping on residential property as a permitted use in some residential districts under certain sanitary and other conditions?

(Approved by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

Article 4: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning

Board for the Freedom Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Section 306 to streamline the ZBA Special Exception process so that proposed uses requiring Site Plan approval are required to comply with general standards A through D and proposed uses in the Shore Front District involving erosion control or cutting and removal of trees and natural vegetation are required to comply with general standards A, C, H, J, K and L?

(Approved by the Planning Board 6-0-0)

Article 5: (To vote by Official Ballot)

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Freedom Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Section A304.1(a) to identify the best management practices required as those found in "Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire (1997, or as amended)", or in "BMPs for Erosion Control in Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire (J.B. Cullen, 1996)"?

(Approved by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

Article 6:

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Freedom Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend various sections of the Zoning Ordinance to update agency names from Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission to Department of Environmental Services, and from Soil Conservation Service to Natural Resource Conservation Service, to reflect changes in the names of those state and federal agencies?

(Approved by the Planning Board 5-0-0)

Article 7: (Bond – to be acted on by separate ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,700,000) for the construction and original equipping of a combined fire and police facility on the current fire station site at Village Road, including the acquisition of an approximately .83 acre parcel of land from abutters John and Barbara Stuart; Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,700,000) of such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the terms of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and

REVISED 2010 BOND ARTICLES

Article 7: (Bond – to be acted on by separate ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,700,000) for the construction and original equipping of a combined fire and police facility on the current fire station site at Village Road, including the acquisition of an approximately .83 acre parcel of land from abutters John and Barbara Stuart; Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($2,700,000) of such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the terms of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

If this Article 7 fails, then Article 8 shall be passed over.

Article 8: (Bond – to be acted on by separate ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars ($454,000) for the construction of Town office facilities, including any necessary acquisition of abutting land or interests therein at the site of the combined fire and police facility at Village Road; Four Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars ($454,000) of such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the terms of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen 2-1-0

If Article 7 passes and this Article 8 passes, then Article 9 will be passed over.

Article 9: (Bond - to be acted on by separate ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Thousand Dollars ($1,070,000) for the renovation and construction of Town office facilities, including any necessary acquisition of abutting land or interests therein at 33 Old Portland Road; One Million Seventy Thousand Dollars ($1,070,000) of such sum to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the terms of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen 1-2-0

deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)
Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 8: (Bond to be acted on by separate ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Thousand Dollars ($1,070,000) for the construction of Town Office facilities, including any necessary acquisition of abutting land or interests therein at Site A (if Site A receives the greatest number of votes in the following article) or the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Dollars ($454,000) for the construction of Town Office facilities, including any necessary acquisition of abutting land or interests therein at Site B (if Site B receives the greatest number of votes in the following article); to authorize the issuance of bonds and notes in the amount of the appropriation applicable to the site chosen in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 9:

If Article 8 passes by the necessary 2/3 ballot vote, please indicate your preference for the site of the Town Office facilities by checking the box beside that site.

Site A. 33 Old Portland Road

Site B. The site of the combined fire and police facility at Village Road; **provided, however, that the choice of this Site B shall be effective only if Article 7 above has been passed by the necessary 2/3 ballot vote.**

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to appoint a committee to review and recommend options for future use of the current Town Office building.

Article 11:

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money (FY 2010):

	FY 2009 APPROP	FY 2009 EXP	FY 2010 APPROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, Benefits:			
Selectmen's Fees			1,500
Town Officers Salaries	21,650	20,900	23,150
Town Clerk Fees	11,250	9,098	12,150
Deputy Town Clerk	2,240	1,344	2,400
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	11,000	9,838	11,000
Salaries - Full Time	69,960	67,528	78,478
Salaries - Part Time	12,868	6,590	10,000
Retirement	2,100	1,925	2,575
Health/Dental Insurance	33,388	33,412	45,217
Life/Disability Insurance	1,960	1,433	2,550
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	166,416	152,068	189,020
Town Office Expense	53,550	51,173	53,750
Total Town Office	**219,966**	**203,241**	**242,770**
Election and Registration	8,400	4,913	8,400
Legal Expense	23,000	27,956	36,500
Payroll Taxes	34,900	30,890	35,007
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part Time	2,850	1,010	2,050
Expense	4,200	2,709	5,000
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	**7,050**	**3,719**	**7,050**
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part Time	8,200	7,410	8,200
Expenses	33,550	31,587	33,950
Total Public Buildings	**41,750**	**38,997**	**42,150**
Cemeteries	2,700	1,420	2,870
Insurance	35,911	35,911	36,898
Lakes Region Planning Commission	1,867	1,867	1,843
Total General Government	**375,544**	**348,914**	**413,488**

	FY 2009 APPROP	FY 2009 EXP	FY 2010 APPROP
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department:			
Wages, Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	152,080	153,080	165,984
Salaries - Part Time	13,900	10,343	20,500
Overtime/Holiday	9,380	9,941	11,582
Retirement	19,284	20,426	23,478
Health/Dental Insurance	61,595	57,378	71,313
Life/Disability Insurance	2,348	1,342	3,036
Total Wages and Benefits	258,587	252,510	295,893
Expenses	33,450	28,648	33,550
Total Police Department	**292,037**	**281,158**	**329,443**
Fire Department:			
Wages, Benefits			
Salaries - Full Time	47,500	47,500	48,942
Retirement	7,624	7,885	8,761
Health/Dental Insurance	8,280	8,280	9,591
Life/Disability Insurance	849	552	1,250
Total Wages and Benefits	64,253	64,217	68,544
Member's Reimbursable Expenses	20,000	20,000	20,000
Expense	55,925	58,956	54,975
Total Fire Department	**140,178**	**143,173**	**143,519**
Ambulance Service	36,500	36,500	37,960
Building Inspector	12,984	11,018	12,918
Zoning Officer	6,600	5,085	6,600
Forest Fire Protection	5,000	4,071	5,000
Emergency Management & Safety	500	162	500
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	5,183	4,940	5,500
Water Precinct	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total Public Safety	499,982	487,107	542,440
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highway Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	162,800	165,194	162,800
Salaries - Part Time	18,000	12,866	18,000

	FY 2009 APPROP	FY 2009 EXP	FY 2010 APPROP
Salaries - Overtime	66,200	58,894	66,200
Retirement	4,500	4,899	5,500
Health/Dental Insurance	89,546	87,346	104,386
Life/Disability Insurance	3,000	2,103	3,850
Total Wages and Benefits	**344,046**	**331,302**	**360,736**
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	133,000	103,071	133,000
Contract Services	22,000	34,935	22,000
Operating Expenses	241,208	259,427	241,208
Total Expenses	396,208	397,433	396,208
Total Highway Department	740,254	728,735	756,944
Street Lights	10,000	9,803	10,000
Total Highways and Streets	**750,254**	**740,626**	**766,944**
SANITATION:			
Transfer Station:			
Wages - Full Time	27,792	26,954	37,066
Wages - Part Time	8,500	12,505	10,000
Retirement	1,100	984	1,200
Health/Dental Insurance	22,546	22,546	26,096
Life/Disability Insurance	600	492	1,550
Total Wages and Benefits	**60,538**	**63,481**	**75,912**
Expenses:			
Engineering	7,000	7,110	6,000
Transport Materials	110,000	92,043	110,000
Operating Expenses	14,454	16,649	13,874
Total Expenses	131,454	115,802	129,874
Total Sanitation	**191,992**	**179,283**	**205,786**
HEALTH:			
Salary and Expenses	2,300	1,184	2,300
Agencies:			

	FY 2009 APPROP	FY 2009 EXP	FY 2010 APPROP
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	1,800	1,800	1,900
Community Action Program	4,000	4,000	4,000
White Mt Health Center	1,846	1,846	1,924
Starting Point	918	918	947
Red Cross	641	641	641
S.C.C. Visiting Nurse	997	997	1,694
Ossipee Children's Fund			650
Total Health	**13,935**	**12,819**	**15,444**
WELFARE:			
Salary	900	1,860	900
Town Needy	9,250	3,763	9,250
Total Welfare	**10,150**	**5,623**	**10,150**
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	11,175	9,084	9,125
Library	59,775	62,506	64,400
Memorial Day	1,000	573	800
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Culture and Recreation	**73,950**	**74,163**	**76,325**
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	2,800	844	2,800
Water Quality Testing	2,500	2,500	3,000
Total Conservation	5,300	3,344	5,800
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal	125,812	125,812	125,812
Bond Interest	6,794	6,718	2,265
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	18,000	16,292	18,000
Other Interest	500	400	500
Total Debt Service	**151,106**	**149,222**	**146,577**
TOTAL ARTICLE 11	**2,072,213**	**1,999,013**	**2,182,954**

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to defray the annual working expenses of the Heritage Commission.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to repair and or replace the roof at the Village Road Fire Station.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to properly repair and repaint the exterior of Town Hall.

Recommended by the Heritage Commission

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $42,000.00 to install vinyl siding to Town Hall.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,400.00 to refurbish the Bandstand.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,200.00 for a new Hurst cutter tool for Fire & Rescue Department.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $27,480.00 for this year's contract with R.B. Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing and all other assessing duties required for the year.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,400.00 to seal coat on Town Roads.

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $80,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for the crushing of gravel for the use on Town Roads.

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $52,200.00 for a new highway truck Ford 2011 F-550 one ton with plow; withdraw $34,700.00 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund to use towards the purchase and to raise by taxes the balance of $17,500.00 for the truck and a body for the town's 2006 one ton truck.

Article 24:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $27,458.00 for the remainder of the engineering costs for the bridge numbered 115/074 over Danforth Bay Outlet on the Ossipee Lake Road. This appropriation will be offset by a grant from the State of New Hampshire Bridge Aid Program.

Article 25:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,700.00 for the Cold Brooks Road precast concrete culvert.

Article 26: (By Petition)

The Freedom Historical Society and its members respectfully request the town to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to address urgently needed fire, public safety and handicap accessibility upgrades to the Allard House/Barn.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 27: (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,800.00 to purchase and install a sanitizer dishwasher to replace the present dishwasher (which is inadequate in turn around time to handle large functions) in the kitchen of the Freedom Town Hall. This new unit will be able to do a complete cycle in 2 minutes (145 sec. wash at 150 degrees & 15 sec rinse at 185 degrees). This new unit will also make going green more plausible in the sense that fewer disposable utensils will be used.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 28: (By Petition)

To see if the Town of Freedom will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 (three thousand dollars) in support of Carroll County Transit for the following transportation services; Public Transit Fixed and Commuter Routes, Demand Response Senior Transportation and Long Distance Non Emergency Medical Transportation.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 1-2-0

Article 29:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,500.00 to be added to the Remediation of Invasive Weeds, Milfoil or Pollution Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 30:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300.00 for the software and training for maintaining the town's website.

Article 31:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 32:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 33:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to be added to the Library Expendable Trust Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 34:

To see if the Town will adopt a Fireworks Ordinance pursuant to RSA 106-B:10 and RSA 106-C:6 and to authorize the enforcement of the Ordinance established by the Freedom Board of Selectmen. See complete ordinance on page 116.

Article 35:

To review real estate acquired by the Town by Tax Collector's deed since the last annual Town Meeting to consider whether or not to sell any or all such properties and the appropriate terms and conditions regarding their sale.

Article 36:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February in the year of the Lord two thousand ten.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Leslie R. Babb
James W. Brown
Neal E. Boyle

BUDGET 2010
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	21,650	20,900	23,150
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8,400	4,913	8,400
Financial Administration	198,316	182,341	219,620
Revaluation of Property	31,800	31,800	27,480
Legal Expenses	23,000	27,956	36,500
Personnel Administration	34,900	30,890	35,007
Planning and Zoning	13,650	8,805	13,650
General Government Buildings	41,750	38,997	42,150
Cemeteries	2,700	1,420	2,870
Insurance	35,911	35,911	36,898
Regional Assoc.	1,867	1,867	4,843
Heritage Commission	0	0	500
Public Safety			
Police	292,037	281,158	329,443
Ambulance	36,500	36,500	37,960
Fire	145,178	147,244	148,519
Building Inspection	12,984	11,018	12,918
Emergency Management	500	162	500
Hydrants, Dam Safety	6,183	5,940	6,500
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Street	849,654	832,912	879,344
Street Lighting	10,000	9,803	10,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	191,992	179,283	205,786
Health			
Health Officer	2,300	1,184	2,300
Health Agencies	12,285	12,285	13,144
Welfare			
Administration	900	1,860	900
Vendor Payments & Other	9,250	3,763	9,250

Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	11,175	9,084	9,125
Library	65,475	68,206	64,400
Patriotic Purposes	1,000	573	800
Other Culture and Recreation	2,000	2,000	2,000
Conservation			
Admin. & Purchase of Natural Resources	13,800	11,844	5,800
Other Conservation	13,000	13,000	0
Debt Services			
Princ–Long Term Bonds & Notes	125,812	125,812	125,812
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	6,794	6,718	2,265
Interest on TANs	18,000	16,292	18,000
Interest – other	500	400	500
Capital Outlay			
Land	0	0	0
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	39,925	38,701	62,200
Buildings	10,000	9,780	93,400
Improvements Other Than Buildings	71,800	71,800	53,458
Operating Transfer Out			
To Capital Reserve Fund	90,000	90,000	43,500
To Trust Fund	1,000	1,000	4,000
Total Appropriations	**$2,453,988**	**$2,374,122**	**$2,592,892**
Bond Issue Proceeds			**$3,770,000**
TOTAL			**$6,362,892**

	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing FY
SOURCE OF REVENUE			
Taxes			
Land Use Changes Taxes	0	0	0
Timber Taxes	12,470	5,225	8,000
Other Taxes – Boat	4,000	5,041	4,500
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	30,000	43,420	35,000
Excavation Tax	0	0	0
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	10,970	10,970	11,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	270,000	257,917	255,000
Building Permits	18,000	20,909	18,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	45,000	41,595	30,000

From State			
Shared Revenue	0	0	0
Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution	60,000	63,669	60,000
Highway Block Grant	72,602	72,602	76,077
From Other Governments	8,600	8,600	8,600
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	1,000	950	500
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	900	918	0
Interest on Investments	2,000	2,098	2,000
Other	13,000	11,580	11,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	34,700
From Conservation Funds	13,000	13,000	0
Other Financing Sources			
Proc. From Long Term Bonds			3,770,000
Amt VOTED from Fund Balance	5,700	5,700	0
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	**$561,542**	**$564,194**	**$4,324,377**

Appropriations Recommended	**$2,592,892**
Bond	**$3,770,000**
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue & Credits	**$4,324,377**
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	**$2,035,515**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

Source		Amount
Property Tax Levy	5,776,121	
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	43,420	
Yield Tax	5,225	
Boat Tax	5,041	5,829,807
State Aid:		
Meals & Rooms Distribution	63,669	
Highway Block Grant	72,602	136,271
Transfer Station:		
Permits	25,050	
Tipping Fees	10,704	
Recycling Revenue	1,605	37,359
Building Inspector:		
Permits		20,909
Police Department:		
Reports	170	
Special Detail Fees	950	
Court Fines	900	2,020
Selectmen:		
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Regulations		2,822
Donations		6,300
Other Permits & Fees		313
Fines & Forfeits		225
Planning Board Fees		496
ZBA Fees		1,000
Winter Rd Maintenance Fees		2,338
Recovery of Legal Fees		628
Town of Eaton (Fire)		8,600
Cable TV Franchise Fee		10,970
Motor Vehicle Registrations		257,917
Interest Income		2,098
Dog Licenses		624
Sale of Town Property		918
Conservation - Town Forest Maint		13,000
TOTAL		**6,334,615**

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

	GENERAL FUND			SPECIAL REVENUE	TRUST FUNDS	
REVENUES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVOR-(UNFAV)	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	TOTAL ACTUAL
Taxes - Property	5,748,131	5,748,395	264	0	0	5,748,395
Taxes - Timber	12,470	5,225	(7,245)	0	0	5,225
Excavation Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taxes - Land Use Change	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boat Registrations	4,000	5,041	1,041	0	0	5,041
Motor Vehicle Registrations	270,000	257,917	(12,083)	0	0	257,917
Interest & Penalties Delinquent Taxes	30,000	43,420	13,420	0	0	43,420
Interest Income	2,000	2,098	98	0	6,079	8,177
Intergovernmental	144,871	144,871	0	110,054	10,000	264,925
Miscellaneous	88,870	99,891	11,021	33,904	0	133,795
Total Revenues	**6,300,342**	**6,306,858**	**6,516**	**143,958**	**16,079**	**6,466,895**
EXPENDITURES						
General Government	616,150	686,980	(70,830)	62,986	0	**749,966**
Escrow	0	0	0	2,990		**2,990**
Public Safety	533,307	482,022	51,285	5,869	0	**487,891**
Public Works	917,154	842,715	74,439	124,366	0	**967,081**
Health & Sanitation	206,577	192,752	13,825	0	0	**192,752**
Welfare	10,150	5,623	4,527	0	0	**5,623**
Cultural & Recreation	79,650	79,863	(213)	0	0	**79,863**
Education	3,390,883	3,390,883	0	0	0	**3,390,883**
County Tax	539,171	539,171	0	0	0	**539,171**
Total Expenditures	**6,293,042**	**6,220,009**	**73,033**	**196,211**	**0**	**6,416,220**
	0					
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	7,300	86,849	79,549	(52,253)	16,079	50,675
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Operating Transfers (Net)	7,300	(13,466)	(6,166)	(13,000)	(52,240)	0
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	0	73,383	73,383	(65,253)	68,319	50,675
FUND BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2009	782,483	711,783	0	144,134	405,860	1,332,477
FUND BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2009	**711,783**	**785,166**	**73,383**	**78,881**	**474,179**	**1,338,226**

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

General Fund:				
Operating Transfers:	Out	IN		
Trust Funds Out	91,000	0	0	
Spec Rev Funds In		13,000	Conservation	
Spec Rev Funds In		0		
Fund Bal In	0	70,700	Fund Bal	(65,000—5,700)
Trust Funds In-Hwy	0	37,349	Trust Funds	
Net	91,000	121,049		

New Bldg	50,000	Total Budget:	GF		SR			
Fire	30,000		(91,000)	To Trust Funds	0			
Hwy	10,000		70,700	From Fund Bal	(13,000)	To Genl Fund		
Library	1,000		5,664	From Trust Fund				
			1,170	From Trust Fund				
								From GF
			(13,466)		(13,000)			To SR
								To GF
							Trust	To GF
							91,000	To SR
							(31,685)	
							(5,664)	

TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2009

	BALANCE 01/01/09	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/09
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	3,882	225	88		4,019
New Municipal Bldg/Land	0	31,715	26,870		4,845
Total Transfers In	**3,882**	**31,940**	**26,958**		**8,864**
ESCROW - Legal	**0**	**2,000**	**2,990**		**-990**
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall - Kitchen	-616	100			-516
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	2,697	700	1,727		1,670
Fire Dept	1,500	850	1,500		850
Highways:					
Highway Dept	632	200			832
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	1,190				1,190
Total Gifts and Donations	**5,403**	**1,850**	**3,227**		**4,026**
POLICE:					
SPEED (Grant)	213		213		0
DWI Patrol - State Grant	-1,992	1,992			0
Detail - State Grant - Fish & Game	187	688	875		0
K9 Dog Grant	-159	1,239	1,080		0
Outside Detail	-477	477			0
Total Outside Detail	**-2,228**	**4,396**	**2,168**		**0**
GRANTS:					
Highway - FEMA - Storm Damage	63,284	78,041	124,366		16,959
Fire - Wakefield Hwy MIT	1,000		474		526
Total Grants	**64,284**	**78,041**	**124,840**		**17,486**
CONSERVATION:					
Conservation - Milfoil Gifts	100	5,050			5,150
Conservation - Gifts	195				195
Conservation - Land Use Tax	24,640				24,640
Stewardship - Gifts	1,099	500			1,599
Trout Pond Forest Stewardship	14,000		210		13,790
Town Forest Maintenance	40,392	20,181	2,617	13,000	44,956
Moose Plate Grant	-7,566		2,175		-9,741
Cons Wildlife Man Insti Grant			1,253		-1,253
WHIP Grant	-67		29,774		-29,841
Total Conservation	**72,793**	**25,731**	**36,029**	**13,000**	**49,495**
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	**144,134**	**143,958**	**196,211**	**13,000**	**78,881**
ACTIVITY BY FUNCTION:					
General Government	3,266	32,040	26,957		8,349
Escrow	0	2,000	2,990		-990
Public Safety	2,969	5,946	5,869		3,046
Highways	63,916	78,241	124,366		17,791
Conservation	72,793	25,731	36,029	13,000	49,495
Culture and Recreation	1,190	0	0		1,190
	144,134	**143,958**	**196,211**	**13,000**	**78,881**

PROPERTY VALUATION INVENTORY SCHEDULE

Value of Land	Acres	2009 Assessed Valuation	Totals
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,352	1,231,755	
B. Conservation Restriction Assessment	144	16,704	
C. Residential	6,387	299,627,700	
D. Commercial/Industrial	412	5,971,700	
Total of Taxable Land			306,847,859
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land (13,714,500)			

Value of Buildings Only

A. Residential	217,651,436
B. Manufactured Housing	21,451,600
C. Commercial/Industrial	6,333,500
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (5 structures)	20,064
Total of Taxable Buildings	245,456,600
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings (9,179,200)	

Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.

Electric	2,593,800
Water Company	117,700
Total Public Utilities	2,711,500
Valuation Before Exemptions	**555,015,959**
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b — Total Number Granted 16	586,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b — Total Number Granted 1	20,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	606,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed	**554,409,959**
Less Public Utilities	2,711,500
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed	**551,698,459**

COMBINED STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
Purpose of Appropriations

General Government

Town Officers Salaries	$21,650
Election & Registrations	8,400
Town Officers Expenses	198,316
Revaluation of Property	31,800
Legal Expenses	23,000
Personnel Administration	34,900
Planning and Zoning	13,650
General Government Buildings	41,750
Cemeteries	2,700
Insurance	35,911
Lakes Region Planning	1,867

Public Safety

Police	292,037
Ambulance	36,500
Fire	145,178
Building Inspection	12,984
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	5,183
Water Precinct	1,000
Emergency Management	500

Highway, Streets and Bridges

Highway, Streets and Bridges	849,654
Street Lighting	10,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	191,992

Health

Administration	2,300
Health Agencies	12,285

Welfare

Administration	900
Vendor Payments	9,250

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	11,175
Library	65,475
Patriotic Purposes	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses	13,800
Other Conservation	13,000

Debt Services

Bond Principal	125,812
Interest Long Term Bond	6,794
Interest on TAN	18,000
Other Interest	500

Capital Overlay

Machinery, Vehicle and Equipment	39,925
Buildings	81,800

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve Funds

Highway	10,000
Fire	30,000
Municipal Land and Buildings	50,000

Trust Funds

Library	1,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....2,453,988

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting and special public hearing, were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
Leslie Babb
James Brown
Neal Boyle

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
2009 APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officer Salaries

Selectmen	$12,000
Town Clerk	3,500
Tax Collector	3,000
Town Treasurer	2,250
Trustee of Trust Funds	150
Expended	$20,900
Appropriated	21,650
Under run	750

Town Office Expenses

Town Clerk Fees	$9,098
Deputy Town Clerk	1,344
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	9,838
Reimbursable Expense	1,976
Town Administrator	44,006
Administrative Assistant	23,482
Part-time Salary	6,590
Health/Dental Insurance	33,412
Life/Disability Insurance	1,433
Retirement	1,925
Computer Support	10,543
Dues	2,366
Tax Map Updates	8,257
Meeting/Training	602
Office Supplies	7,156
Telephone/Internet	5,184
Printing, Postage, Notices	3,170
Professional Audit	11,000
Equipment Purchase	808
Misc	151
Expended	$182,341
Appropriated	198,316
Under run	$15,975

Election & Registration

Workers		$2,760
Printing/Advertising		2,081
Equipment and Supplies		72
	Expended	$4,913
	Appropriated	8,400
	Under run	$3,487

Revaluation of Property	Expended	$31,800
	Appropriated	31,800
	Balance	0

Legal Expenses

Town Office		$8,989
Planning Board		4,350
Zoning Board		2,025
Kondrat		12,592
	Expended	$27,956
	Appropriated	23,000
	Over run	$4,956

Payroll Taxes	Expended	$30,890
	Appropriated	34,900
	Under run	$4,010

Planning and Zoning	Expended	$3,720
	Appropriated	7,050
	Under run	$3,330

Zoning Officer

Part Time Salary		$4,777
Expenses		308
	Expended	$5,085
	Appropriated	6,600
	Under run	$1,515

Town Building

Janitorial Services		$7,410

Maintenance 31,587
Expended.....$38,997
Appropriated 41,750
Under run $2,753

Cemetery.....Expended.....$1,420
Appropriated 2,700
Under run $1,280

Insurance.....Expended $35,911
Appropriated 35,911
Balance.....$0

Advertising & Regional Associates
Lakes Region Planning.....Expended $1,867
Appropriated 1,867
Balance.....$0

Emergency Management Program...Expended.....162
Appropriated 500
Under run $338

Police Department
Chief Salary $60,320
Full Time Salaries 92,760
Part Time Salaries 10,343
Overtime/Holiday 9,941
Retirement.....20,426
Health & Dental Insurance.....57,378
Life & Disability Insurance 1,342
Gasoline 7,356
Repairs 3,765
Office/Operating Supplies.....4,269
Uniforms 2,807
Telephone.....3,187
Equipment.....2,664
Unpaid Grants 1,929
K-9 Expenses 1,039

Meetings/Training	1,141
Animal Control Expense	304
Dare	187
Expended	$281,158
Appropriated	292,037
Under run	$10,879

Fire Department

Chief Salary	$47,500
Retirement	7,885
Health & Dental Insurance	8,280
Life & Disability Insurance	552
Member's Reimburable	20,000
Training	1,980
Prevention	736
Mutual Aid Dues	4,500
Utilities	14,945
Equipment Purchases	8,511
Value Repairs & Gas	12,298
Building Maintenance	4,101
Turnout Gear	5,710
Radio/Equipment Repairs	1,006
First Responders	3,666
Operating/Office Expense	1,001
Annual Inspection	430
Misc	72
Expended	143,173
Appropriated	140,178
Over run	$2,995

Forest Fire Protection	Expended	$4,071
	Appropriated	5,000
	Under run	$929

Water Precinct	Expended	$1,000
	Appropriated	1,000
	Balance	$0

Building Inspector

Part Time	$10,080
Expenses	938
Expended	$11,018
Appropriated	12,984
Under run	$1,966

Health Officer

Part Time Salary	$979
Expenses	205
Expended	$1,184
Appropriated	2,300
Under run	$1,116

Health & Social Services

Ambulance	$36,500
C.C. Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	1,800
Community Action Program	4,000
White Mountain Health Center	1,846
Visiting Nurse Service	997
Starting Point	918
Red Cross	641
Ossipee Child Fund	650
Expended	$48,785
Appropriated	48,785
Balance	$0

Welfare

Part Time Salary	$1,860
General Assistance	3,763
Expended	$5,623
Appropriated	10,150
Under run	$4,527

Parks & Recreation	Expended	$9,084
	Appropriated	11,175
	Under run	$2,091

Library.....Expended.....$68,206
Appropriated 65,475
Over run $2,731

Patriotic Purposes
Old Home Week.....$2,000
Other 573
Expended.....$2,573
Appropriated 3,000
Under run 427

Conservation Commission.....Expended.....$24,844
Appropriated 26,800
Under run $1,956

Bond Principal.....Expended.....$125,812
Appropriated 125,812
Balance.....$0

Interest Expense
Tax Anticipated Notes.....$16,292
Bond.....6,718
Other Interest 400
Expended.....$23,410
Appropriated 25,294
Under run $1,884

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority.....Expended.....$4,940
Appropriated 5,183
Under run $243

Highway Maintenance
Summer
Labor.....$99,133
Rental Equipment.....37,395
Materials 54,696
Road Striping 5,418
Contract Services 34,935
Total Summer Maintenance.....$231,577

Winter

Labor	$137,820
Rental Equipment	66,113
Materials	86,000
Village Snow Removal	928
Total Winter Maintenance	**$290,861**

General Highway Expense	$111,949
Heath & Dental Insurance	87,346
Life/Disability Insurance	2,103
Retirement	4,899
Expended	$728,735
Appropriated	740,254
Under run	$11,519

Street Lights

Expended	$9,803
Appropriated	10,000
Under run	$197

Transfer Station

Labor	$39,459
Health & Dental Insurance	22,546
Life/Disability Insurance	492
Retirement	984
Engineering	7,110
Transfer Fees	92,043
Household Hazardous Waste Fee	1,949
Utilities/Maintenance	9,570
Operating Expense	5,130
Expended	$179,283
Appropriated	191,992
Under run	$12,709

Capital Reserve

Highway Equipment	$10,000
Fire Department Equipment	30,000
Municipal Land/Building	50,000
Expended	$90,000
Appropriated	90,000
Balance	$0

Trust Funds

Library	Expended	$1,000
	Appropriated	1,000
	Balance	$0

Capital Outlay/Individual Articles

Highway – Rice Hill Road		$24,000
Highway – Crack and Seal		8,000
Highway – Seal coat Town roads		28,174
Highway – Repave Town roads		68,000
Highway – Gravel crushing		33,500
Historical Society		9,780
Chemical Treatment – Milfoil		14,300
Police – Cruiser		38,701
	Expended	$224,455
	Appropriated	231,125
	Under run	$6,670

TOTAL BUDGET UNDERUN $79,869

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations 2,448,288
Less: Revenues 630,211
Less: Shared Revenues 0
Add: Overlay 27,726
War Service Credits 39,700

Net Town Appropriations.....1,885,503 **TAX RATE**

Approved Tax/City Tax Effort.....1,885,503 **3.41**

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget.....3,390,883
School Education Tax.....(1,170,869) **LOCAL SCHOOL RATE**

Approved School(s) Tax Effort.....2,220,014 **4.00**

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)x.....2.14 **STATE SCHOOL RATE**
548,416,281..... 1,170,869
Divided by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities) **2.12**
551,698,459
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted
To State Pay to State.....0

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County.....539,171
Less: Shared Revenues.....0 **COUNTY RATE**

Approved County Tax Effort.....539,171 **0.97**

TOTAL RATE **10.50**

Total Property Taxes Assessed.....5,815,557
Less: War Service Credit.....(39,700)
Total Property Tax Commitment.....5,775,857

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation		**Tax Rate**	**Assessment**
State Education Tax (no utilities)...	551,698,459	2.12	1,170,869
All Other Taxes	554,409,959	8.38	4,644,688
			5,815,557

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT
In Excess of $1,000

Highway

1963 York Rake
2000 Cat 924C Hough Loader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2003 International All Wheel Drive
2006 Ford F550 One Ton
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
1997 Gallon Grader
2001 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator

Police Department

2009 Chevy Tahoe
2 2006 Ford Crown Victoria
3 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
4 Laptop computers
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
4 Portable Motorola XTS 3000 Digital Radios
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 CanAm 4x4 ATV

Fire Department

2004 Chevy Tahoe
2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F350 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1985 Chevy Tank Truck

1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun
1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
10 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, Boxes
12' Snowpusher
1995 Case 560L Backhoe

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

Assessed Values
As of April 1, 2009

Town Hall, Town Office, Land and Buildings	$745,500
Furniture and Equipment	75,000
Roller Shed, Land and Building	40,000
Library, Land and Buildings	426,000
Furniture and Equipment	50,000
Police Department Equipment	100,000
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	364,700
Equipment	991,000
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	171,200
Equipment	310,000
Materials and Supplies	40,000
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	125,500
Equipment	90,000
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	705,000
Schools, Land and Building	2,541,100
Furniture and Equipment	140,000
Conservation Commission	699,500
Trout Pond Town Forest	2,748,400
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deeds	318,700
All Other Property	
Fox Run Lot	120,600
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
Abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	34,700

10,836,900

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year	1,554,782
Assessment for Current Year	3,390,883
Total Liability with in Current Year	4,945,665
Payments made to School District	3,451,782
Liability at End of Year	1,493,883
Total	4,945,665

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

New Issues During Current Year	1,641,000
Issues Retired During	1,641,000

TOWN OF FREEDOM
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2009

General Fund

	BEGINNING	ENDING
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	1,909,174	1,791,003
Taxes Receivable	332,325	439,212
Tax Liens Receivable	102,984	140,086
Accounts Receivable	5,480	2,588
Tax Deeded Property	0	3,124
TOTAL ASSETS	**2,349,963**	**2,376,013**
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Prepaid Taxes	0	2,222
Due To School District	1,554,782	1,493,883
Other Payables	1,989	822
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,556,771**	**1,496,927**
FUND EQUITY:		
Reserve For Encumbrances	10,709	93,920
Undesignated Fund Balance	782,483	785,166
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	**793,192**	**879,086**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	**2,349,963**	**2,376,013**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2009

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

	BEGINNING	ENDING
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Cash	143,806	78,656
Due From Other Funds	352	241
TOTAL ASSETS	**144,158**	**78,897**
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	24	16
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**24**	**16**
FUND EQUITY:		
Reserve For Special Purposes	144,134	78,881
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	**144,134**	**78,881**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	**144,158**	**78,897**

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT	TRUST	TOTALS (Memorandum Only) 12/31/09	12/31/08
ASSETS						
Current Assets:						
Cash And Equivalents	1,791,003	78,656	0	474,420	2,344,079	2,459,192
Taxes Receivable	439,212	0	0	0	439,212	332,325
Tax Liens Receivable	140,086	0	0	0	140,086	102,984
Accounts Receivable	2,588	0	0	0	2,588	5,480
Tax Deeded Property	3,124	0	0	0	3,124	0
Due From Other Funds	0	241	0	0	241	352
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement					0	0
Of Bonds Payable	0	0	125,812	0	125,812	251,624
TOTAL ASSETS	**2,376,013**	**78,897**	**125,812**	**474,420**	**3,055,142**	**3,151,957**
LIABILITIES						
Current Liabilities:						
Warrants And Accounts Payable	0	16	0	0	16	24
Prepaid Taxes	2,222	0	0	0	2,222	0
Due To School District	1,493,883	0	0	0	1,493,883	1,554,782
Due To State	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonds Payable	0	0	125,812	0	125,812	251,624
Due To Other Funds	0	0	0	241	241	352
Other Payables	822	0	0	0	822	1,989
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1,496,927**	**16**	**125,812**	**241**	**1,622,996**	**1,808,771**
FUND EQUITY:						
Reserve For Special Purposes	0	78,881	0	474,179	553,060	560,703
Reserve For Encumbrances	93,920					
Undesignated Fund Balance	785,166	0	0	0	785,166	782,483
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	**879,086**	**78,881**	**0**	**474,179**	**1,338,226**	**1,343,186**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	**2,376,013**	**78,897**	**125,812**	**474,420**	**3,055,142**	**3,151,957**

DEBT – AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose **Road Upgrade**

Annual Installment.....$125,812
Interest Rate 3.60
Date of Final Payment 04/01/10
Bonds o/s at beginning of year.....251,624
Bonds issued this year.....0
Bonds Retired this year.....0
Bonds o/s at end of year.....125,812

Annual required to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/09)

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	125,812.00	2,264.62	128,076.62

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Report of Revenue Received

2483	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$257,916.99
166	Dog Licenses	865.50
27	Vital Copies	284.00
7	Marriage Licenses	315.00
21	Dump Permits	420.00
	Dog Fines/Penalties	107.00
	Fees	5.00
	Wetlands Applications	40.00
	Postage	19.00
	Pole Line Easements	100.00
	UCC filings	390.00
	Title Applications	6.00
	Photo Copies	1.25
	TOTAL	**$260,469.74**

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:	**2009**	**2008**	**2007**
Property Taxes		348,183.44	224.00
Timber Yield Taxes		2,109.05	0.00
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(1,166.44)		
This Year's New Credits	(13,473.21)		
Tax Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	5,776,121.00	250.00	
Land Use Changes	0.00	0.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	3,596.45	1,628.48	
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	
Overpayment:			
Credits Refunded	13,473.21		
Interest – Late Tax	126.66	14,492.39	57.19
TOTAL DEBTS	**$5,470,253.11**	**$394,002.73**	**$3,443.46**

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	5,312,045.28	156,379.18	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	1,221.04	3,490.39	0.00
Interest & Penalties	126.66	14,492.39	57.19
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Converted to Liens (principal only)	0.00	192,054.26	224.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	(1,166.44)		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	648.00		
Land Use Change Taxes			
Timber Yield Taxes	2,375.41	247.14	
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:			
Property Taxes	463,427.72	0	0
TOTAL CREDITS	**$5,778,677.67**	**$366,663.36**	**$281.19**

DEBITS

Unredeemed & Executed Liens:	**2008**	**2007**	**2006+**
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		85,819.93	21,436.26
Liens Executed During FY	202,130.77	0	0
Interest & Costs Collected	6,749.54	12,377.78	8,488.59
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	**$208,880.31**	**$98,197.71**	**$29,924.85**

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer			
Redemptions	88,117.69	52,770.69	20,818.17
Interest & Costs Collected	6,749.54	12,377.78	8,488.59
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens	262.24	0	0
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	113,750.84	33,049.24	618.09
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$208,880.31**	**$98,197.71**	**$29,924.85**

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Babb
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/ TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2009

	Levies of:		
DEBITS	**2008**	**2007**	**2006+**
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	0	$85,819.93	$21,436.26
Liens Executed During FY	$202,130.77		
Interest and Costs Collected	6,749.54	12,377.78	8,488.59
TOTAL LIEN DEBTS	**$208,880.31**	**$98,197.71**	**$29,924.85**
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$88,117.69	$52,770.69	$20,818.17
Interest & Costs Collected	6,749.54	12,377.78	8,488.59
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	262.24	0	0
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0	0	0
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	113,750.84	33,049.24	618.09
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$208,880.32**	**$98,197.71**	**$29,924.85**

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2007

Connolly.....3,967.00
Kfoury.....657.00

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

Aleska.....153.00
ARC Realty Trust.....18.00
Barrett.....252.00
Cade.....306.00
Capurso.....78.00
Charrette.....348.00
Connolly.....4,269.00
Davis.....5.00
Dolliver.....1,156.00
Fabian.....9.00
Horsman.....43.00
Kasinchuk.....262.24
Kfoury.....707.00
Many.....565.00
McCarthy.....645.00
Nardo.....13.59
Newmann.....387.00
O'Reilly.....412.00
Pascarella.....131.00
Pelletier.....63.00
Petit.....6.00
Sandahl.....233.00
Santner.....721.00
Spruill.....716.00
Welch.....6.00
Wilkinson.....1,795.00

Fiscal Year Ending 2009

Rogers.....326.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2009

REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT:	
Tax Collector	5,689,534
Town Clerk	260,470
Selectmen	395,692
Building Inspector	20,909
Boat Tax	5,041
Interest Income	2,098
INTEREST EXPENSE:	
Tax Anticipation Notes	16,292
TOTAL CASH ON HAND 12-31-09	**1,869,659**

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Clemons-Keith
Town Treasurer

February 2, 2010

Ms Karen Hatch
Town of Freedom
PO Box 227
Freedom, NH 03836

Dear Ms Hatch:

Due to the Town fully complying with all governmental accounting standards for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, and a delay in scheduling work with the hired consultant the audit report for the Town of Freedom for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 will not be ready in order to be included in the annual report. Although we expect it to be done shortly, we apologize for any inconvenience this causes and will forward the audit report as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Gregory A. Colby, CPA

Gregory A Colby, CPA
Director

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TOWN EMPLOYEES

Police	JoAnne Gayer	$2,550
	James Mullen	45,639
	Josh Shackford	58,905
	Teresa Shackford	7,000
	Peter Tourigny	47,383
Highway	Devin Bolduc	5,828
	Lance Bolduc	19,558
	Scott Brooks, Sr	44,600
	Scott Brooks, Jr	294
	Jason Ferry	4,488
	James MacDonald	36,454
	Joseph MacDonald	6,254
	Charles Morrill	36,447
	Jeffrey Morrison	3,584
	Lisa Nicholson	764
	Robert Smith	45,806
	Nathan Smith	4,243
Transfer Station	Justin Brooks	26,954
	Philip Brooks	3,970
	Harold Libby	264
	George Stone	8,211
Codes Officer	Robert Babine	10,080
Zoning Officer	Edward Hatfield	4,778
Office	Holly Brooks	3,686
	Linda Farinella	22,713
	Amanda Feuerborn	999
	Karen Hatch	44,006
Janitor	Justin Brooks	5,835
	Mark McKinley	1,575
Planning/Zoning Board/ Conservation Secretarial	Linda Farinella	635
	Dianne Park	1,386
Fire Department	Gene Doe	47,500
Health Officer	Pamela Fortin	819
Welfare Officer	Tracy Hayes	1,860

PAYROLL

TOWN OFFICERS	SALARY	FEES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Selectmen				
Leslie Babb	4,000			4,000
Neal Boyle	3,000			3,000
James Brown	4,000			4,000
Donna Cupka	1,000			1,000
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	3,500	9,098	290	12,888
Deputy Town Clerk				
Sue Brown	1,344			1,344
Treasurer				
Pamela Clemens-Keith	2,250	1,390		3,640
Karen Hatch				0
Tax Collector				
Anne Babb	3,000	3,443	6,395	12,838
Supervisors of Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	305			305
Albert Godfrey	260			260
Patricia McCoy	225			225
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	255			255
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Sue Brown				50
Patricia McCoy				50
Paul Wheeler				50

VENDORS
MAJOR SERVICE SUPPLIERS

Airgas (FD) 671
Allstate Asphalt (HD) 41,113
Allstate Fire Equipment (FD) 1,703
Anderson Equipment Co (HD) 5220
Avitar Associates of NE, Inc. (GG) 5,494
Aquatic Control Technology Inc. (GG) 1,950
Barton Motorsport (PD) 531
BB Chain, Inc. (HD) 1,152
Berlin City Auto Group (PD) 27,926
BII Fence & Guardrail (HD) 3,935
Bergeron Protective Clothing (FD) 4,858
Beauregard Equipment (HD) 1,200
Boewe, George (Cemeteries) 2,081
Bound Tree Medical (FD) 816
Brocktalk Education (FD) 1,000
GW Brooks & Sons, Inc. (HD) 154,125
Brooks Sr., Scott (HD) 40,778
Brookside Building Services (GG) 9,780
CN Brown (GG) 20,111
Business Management Systems, Inc. (GG) 3,803
Champagne Solutions (HD) 31,000
Coleman Rental & Supply, Inc. (HD) 2,211
Conway Truck & Service, LLC (GG) 4,344
Conway Veterinary Hospital, LLC (PD) 592
J.O. Cook (HD) 5,765
Cross Machine Inc. (TS) 592
Crossway Repair (GG) 2,026
Daily Sun (GG) 1,182
WS Darley (FD) 1,303
Diamond Ledge Electronics (FD) 9,097
Dig & Doze LLC (HD) 15,151
DiPrizio GMC Trucks, Inc. (HD) 6,540
DJ Salyer, Inc. (HD) 586
Dow Sand & Gravel Inc. (HD) 4,355
Eastman's Welding (HD) 1,038
Emergency Medical Products, Inc. (FD) 1,885

English Arboriculture (HD) 2,800
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc. (HD) 1,926
Fairpoint Communications (GG) 8,016
Alan J. Fall Land Surveyor (GG) 1,700
James C Farinella Building and Remodeling (FD) 525
Freedom Automotive (PD) 1,473
Freedom Computer, Inc. (GG) 1,325
Freedom Hardware (GG) 3,267
Future Supply Corp (FD) 1,773
Gaftek (HD) 1,338
Galls (PD) 1,525
Garland Lumber Co, Inc. (CC) 32,735
Gemini Sign & Design Ltd (FD) 825
Gempler's (HD) 1,080
Granite State Minerals, Inc. (HD) 22,348
Green Mountain Conservation Group (CC) 2,500
Harleysville Life Insurance Co. (GG) 5,921
Hastings Law Office (GG) 5,844
RC Hazelton Co, Inc. (HD) 4,199
HEBergeron (GG) 8,256
Henderson, Walter (GG) 9,465
Hydraulic Hose & Assemblies, Inc. (HD) 687
Information Management Corp. (PD) 1,497
Intervale Lock & Safe (GG) 6,648
Katahdin Analytical Services (TS) 2,810
BH Keith Associates (CC) 10,816
Laconia Electric Supply, Inc. (GG) 589
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, Inc. (FD) 1,149
Lakes Region Planning Commission (GG) 3,995
Law Office of Paul M Monzione, PC (GG) 4,110
The Lawn Stylists (GG) 3,472
Jesse E. Lyman, Inc. (GG) 61,987
MacDonald Motors (HD) 3,431
MaineOxy (HD) 988
Maple Ridge Septic Service (GG) 2,937
K. Mason Electrical LLC (GG) 2,661
SA McLean & Sons (HD) 5,030
Max Finkelstein, Inc (PD) 601

Medstar EMS Inc (GG) 36,500
Meserve, Robert A (HD) 664
Michie Corp (HD) 3,610
Milton Cat (HD) 27,867
Minuteman Press (GG) 2,338
Milton Salt (HD) 28,376
NEBS (GG) 847
Neptune Uniform & Equipment (HD FD) 1,316
New England Milfoil (GG) 8,000
New England Truck Tire Centers Inc (HD) 1,135
Nicom Coating Corporation (HD) 8,000
Nobis Engineering Inc. (GG) 3,950
NRRA (TS) 1,755
North Country Tractor – Ossipee (PD) 1,432
Northern Building Supply (TS) 655
Office Depot (GG) 2,576
Ossipee Aggregates (HD) 20,876
Ossipee Auto Parts (PD,FD,HD) 5,182
Owen Leasing Co (HD) 8,744
Palmer, Lori (GG) 675
Palmer Spring Co (HD) 2,032
Pike Industries (HD) 1,845
Pine Tree Engineering, Inc.(TS) 4,300
Pine Tree Waste (TS) 90,512
Ploszik & Sanderson (GG) 8,569
Porter Office Machines, Corp (GG) 807
Positive Promotions (FD) 736
Postmaster Freedom (GG) 2,733
Primex (GG) 36,777
Profile Power Sports (FD) 3,249
Public Safety Center, Inc. (FD) 784
PSNH (GG) 19,251
Brett S. Purvis & Associates, Inc. (GG) 31,800
R & D Paving (HD) 49,088
John E. Roberts Excavation (HD) 11,700
Rymes Heating Oils, Inc. (GG) 621
Samantha's Inn (PD) 806
Sanels Autoparts Co (HD) 971

Schaeffer Manufacturing Company (HD) 5,015
ServPro (GG) 1,214
RD Schipellite (GG) 906
Shamrock Supply Inc (TS) 522
Simply Safe (TS) 612
Skehan Home Center (HD) 1,718
SMP Architecture (GG) 16,390
Stratham Tire Inc (HD) 1,654
Stryker Medical (FD) 2,765
Stuart, John A (HD) 2,205
Sullivan Tire (HD) 520
Susan Slack Esquire (GG) 22,732
E.W. Sleeper (HD) 1,244
Staples (GG) 2,745
Team EJP (HD) 13,595
Timberline Auto Body Repair (PD) 824
Time Warner Cable (GG) 1,161
Tri-State EMS Educators (FD) 700
UCOM (FD) 630
Two Paws Up (PD) 878
Underground Press (GG) 1,416
Unifirst Corp (HD) 5,751
Verizon Wireless (FD/PD) 4,226
Water Industries Inc. (HD) 1,357
White Mountain Survey Co. Inc. (GG) 5,934
White Mountain Precast LLC (HD) 32,918

CC – Conservation Commission
HD – Highway Department
GG – General Government
FD – Fire Department
PD – Police Department
TS – Transfer Station

To: Freedom Board of Selectmen
From: Article 26 Committee
Re: Study Summary and Recommendations
Date: January 8, 2010

The following is the final report of the Article 26 Committee, broken down by summary sections.

1.0 Article 26 of 2009 Freedom Town Warrant: passed by a majority of voters on March 10, 2009: *"To see if the Town will limit the Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund by directing that no land be purchased with the Fund without the specific approval of Town Meeting, and not until the Town, through the Board of Selectmen, have produced:* ***1) a current Building Evaluation to include a professional assessment of the potential for expansion and upgrade capacity of town-owned buildings and parcels of land****, and 2)* ***a Cost Estimate Summary to include professional estimates for the improvements of existing buildings and also for the purchase of new land and construction of new facilities****. The expenses of generating said Building and Cost Estimate Summary shall not exceed 10% of the balance in the Municipal land and Building Capital Reserve Fund, including any sums added to the Fund at the 2009 Town Meeting."* [Secretary's Note: While the funding clause (last sentence) of this Article was deemed 'illegal' by Town counsel, the Selectmen appointed this Committee to address the wording and intent of the remaining Article].

2.0 Article 26 Committee: On March 23, 2009 the BOS selected the current committee members to act as an "advisory committee" to address Article 26 of the Town warrant; they were: Les Babb, John Shipman, Lee Fritz, John Krebs, and Chuck Brooks

3.0 Public Committee Meetings: Nineteen, properly posted, public Committee meetings were held (essentially twice monthly) from April 29th, 2009 through January 6th, 2010. All draft minutes were posted on the Town website within a week and meeting materials made available either at the meetings or at the Town Office. Public attendance ranged from approximately 12 to 60, with an estimated average of 30 people attending; public comment was encouraged and extensive.

4.0 The Consultant: The Committee advertised for experienced consultants to assist the Committee and seven letters of interest were received and evaluated. The committee reviewed cost estimates from three final consultants that were selected based on most relevant experience

and whom were given specific scope of work. SMP Architects (New London, NH), was selected based on 'best value', a combination of relevant experience, interview results and price. The BOS approved the recommendation of the Committee to hire SMP and the final negotiated price of $26,360. The final Committee budget approved by the BOS was for $32,000; it included funds for a Phase I site assessment and advertising in addition to the architect's price.

5.0 Findings

3.1 Building evaluations and land parcels:

- Engineering evaluations were done on Town Office, Town Hall and Fire Station. Structurally, the buildings were found to be generally fine, with some problems identified in each case- all repairable. SMP submitted the engineering reports to the Committee
- Lack of compliance with building, life safety, fire and ADA requirements were found to be the biggest problems with the Town Office, Police and Fire facilities. Some fairly serious non-compliance issues were noted.
- A separate study (Phase I site assessment) was conducted by Nobis Engineering to determine the potential for hazardous materials on the land or in the buildings of the Town Office and Fire Station. Reports have been submitted to the Town office. Essentially there is the potential for hazardous materials (asbestos, lead paint) in the Town Office building that would have to be remediated and/or removed if major renovation or reconstruction was proposed for the Town Office building. These reports have been shared with SMP and Bauen Engineers. A Phase II study would be necessary to confirm the presence of hazardous materials and costs to remediate.
- The Land Committee's report was reviewed by the committee and it was decided that abutters of current Town facilities should be contacted to see if they would sell some land to the Town if needed for building expansion. After reasonable research and discussion, it was found that abutters would agree to sell some land to the Town, as identified in specific Letters of Intent. This meant site options considered then became:

- Town Office- Purchase 9000 sf from Plunges to increase parking opportunity. This included caveats as to the visibility (i.e., depth on the lot) of the proposed building, and an agreement from the Mason's that they will continue to give ROW to Town for use of parking area by Town.
- Fire Station- Purchase 0.83 acres from Stuarts to expand size of current fire station site to almost 3 acres, giving room for some combination of fire, police and town office, or all three.
- Ossipee lake Rd- Purchase 10.5 acres from Priebe/Haslett which would allow room for fire, police and town office, or all three.
- Other properties evaluated- The only other land option considered was the Clancy land (about 2 acres) at 59 Old Portland Rd, but this was removed because of restrictions by the land owner
- Letters of Intent (LOI's) were submitted to the 3 abutters and the Masons. Three LOI's (Plunges, Stuart and Priebe) were signed and given to the Town Office; the Mason's will review their LOI with their membership in late January, 2010.

3.2 Compilation of Alternatives and Cost estimates

- Eight alternatives were identified by the Committee and after substantial discussion and public input, they were reduced to four options that were considered viable (see attached).
- The Committee reviewed the November 2006 space needs study done by the town, got feedback from town employees and the public and then worked with the architect consultant to determine space needs for each function (fire, police, town office)
- The architect consultant prepared general footprint and building layout design for the four final alternatives, and these have been costed out by the architect's engineering sub-consultant, Bauen Engineers. These evaluations also considered a basic 'stabilization' of

the Town Office building in case it was decided to move from this building and come up with alternative uses for the building.

- Cost comparisons: Prices for alternatives were compiled that took into account reasonable construction design and costs, i.e., not low end, nor high-end, design and materials. Costs do not include the following: final architectural design fees, any office relocation, hazardous materials remediation/removal, costs needed due to construction, nor office equipment.
- Architect's final report: SMP is preparing a final report for the Committee/Town that summarizes the alternatives evaluated and final cost estimates. Please see that report (when available) for details of alternatives and costs.

4.0 Findings of the Committee

The Committee spent substantial time evaluating site and building alternatives presented by SMP. The Committee felt that the fire and police final plan (13,384 s.f.) would be a reasonable starting point for final architectural design discussion. Discussion about the Town Office options were more complicated. In the end, the Committee evaluated four (4) size plans for the Town Office functions: a 2,810 s.f. attachment to the fire and police station complex and three alternatives for renovation and addition at the existing Town office site: a minimum building size of 3,600 s.f, a mid-sized option of 5,236 s.f. and a largest option involving 6,200 s.f. Substantial public comment was made as to the adequacy and size of the options evaluated; each argument having valid points, in most cases.

In the end, the Committee is (unanimously) proposing that the Town be presented with two warrant articles:

1. That a combined fire and police facilities be built on the current Village Road site at an estimated cost of 2.86 million (2.6 million plus 10%) for approximately 13,384 square foot building size. This includes the purchase of a 0.83 acre section of land from abutter, John and Barbara Stuart.

2. That Freedom voters be presented with a choice as to which Town Office option they prefer:

    a. add 2,810 square feet to proposed fire and police facility (on Village Road) at a 2010 estimated cost of $454,300 (413,070 plus 10%), and 'stabilize', maintain and operate

existing the town office building; or,

b. renovate and expand current town office to 5,236 square feet at a 2010 estimated cost of $1.07 million (968,660 + 10%). This includes the purchase of 9,000 sf of land from abutters, Petula and Bill Plunges.

The Freedom BOS needs to be aware of two important points:

1. That the Committee has been dealing with construction costs only (provided by SMP) and we estimated another 10% markup to cover final design and other associated costs not in the actual construction number. Toward that end, Bauen Engineering has provided estimated costs for a $3 million project and this estimate is attached (Attachment 4. "Draft-Project Budget Analysis"). The BOS will need to assess these costs prior to estimating the final price for a bond. And,
2. It should be stated that the Committee worked with "conceptual" layouts and design; final building layout and design will need to be determined by Town representatives working with the architect on the final design for the option(s) selected by the voters.

Finally, the Committee recommends that the BOS and/or Town representatives work with the Architect to provide clear details on both options to the voters prior to town meeting; that way voters have the opportunity to be fully informed about their choices. These findings and recommendations represent a summary of the Article 26 Committee.

Respectfully submitted on this 11th day of January, 2010,
John Shipman, Chair
Les Babb, Selectman's Representative
Lee Fritz, Member
John Krebs, Member
Chuck Brooks, Member

Freedom, NH Town Facility Relocation Options: Final options recommended (01-06-2010) by Committee

Option*	Town Offices	Town Hall	Police Department	Fire Department	Considerations
Option A	Renovate and expand in place to 5,236 sf (added land)	No Change	Move to Fire Dept Site (added land)	New on Fire Dept Site (added land); total fire & police 13,384 sf	Essential facilities new; town office remains in village
Option B	Move to Fire Dept Site (added land)	No Change	Renovate and expand in place.	New on Fire Dept Site (added land)	Lost sharing opportunity; Essential facility upgrades
Option C	Renovate and expand in place.	No Change	Move to Fire Dept Site	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Lost sharing opportunity; Land cost
Option D	Renovate and expand in place.	No Change	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Significant sharing; Land Cost
Option E	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	No Change	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	"Out of town" location; Significant sharing; Land cost
Option F	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	"Out of town" location Maximum sharing; Land cost
Option G	Move to Fire Dept. Site (added land)	No Change	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Move to Ossipee Lake Rd.	Some sharing; Land cost; offices remote
Option H	Move to Fire Dept. Site, 2,810 sf. (added land)	No Change	Move to Fire Dept. Site (added land)	New on Fire Dept. site (added land); total fire & police 13,384 sf	"Out of town" location; Maximum Sharing; Land cost
Option I	Build new on Clancy property; remove existing house	No change	Move to Fire Dept. site (added land)	Move to Fire Dept. site (added land)	Pros: Keeps town office in village, and flat site. Cons: may be trading one old building for another

Gray= Options eliminated from further consideration; Yellow= final recommendations by Committee
"Ossipee Lake Rd" is proposed new site, currently undeveloped.

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TOWN OF FREEDOM BUDGET PRICING FOR RESTORATION WORK AT THE OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

FILE NAME: Freedom Estimates

BAUEN CORPORATION

PO BOX 1621 • MEREDITH, NH 03253

JANUARY 6. 2010

Construct new 10'x10' cupola similar to original design. ($1,340 included for rafter reinforcement) $16,476

Provide new entry door, remove walls around canopy, and install brackets. ($2,000 allowance carried for custom entry door) $4,068

Build rear steps and construct new roof at rear entry to meeting room $3,204

Allowance for plugging foundation holes (2m 3days) $4,236

Construct rated enclosure around furnace, install rated door and frame, and reconstruct 8'x8' floor area outside room to eliminate tripping Hazard $5,496

Restore original classroom into large room and refinish lobby. No new flooring included.....$13,010

Allowance for misc. trim and siding repair at exterior $3,500

Total = ...$49,990

The above numbers are rough budget numbers based on limited information and should be used as a guide only

Freedom Town Offices
Estimated Operations and Maintenance
Annual Expenditure

1. General Maintenance
   $1450 (2007) + $2979 (2008) + ($2393 (2009) divided by 3 Years = $2274 annually

2. Utilities
   - Area of Town Offices = 2845 s.f
   - Total area of government buildings = 2845 s.f. + 5,938 s.f. (Town Hall) = 8783 s.f.
   - Town Office utilities factor by area = 2845/8783 = .324
   - Total last 3 years' utilities (grounds, water, electric, heating fuel, propane*) = $51,941
   - Average yearly expenditure ($17,314) pro-rated by area (.324) = $5610 annually

3. Annual Expenditure
   $2274 (maintenance) + $5610 (Utilities) = $7884

* propane for cooking at Town Hall contributes about $800 to the $17,314 annual utility cost.

$800 x .324 would reduce the annual expenditure at the Town Office by $259, or $7625.

Attachment 4

DRAFT Project Budget Analysis DRAFT

Project Name: Freedom Town Facilities 2010		
Project Description: Typical $3m project	**Date:**	
Project Costs:	**Base:**	**Alternate:**
Land:		
Purchase	$29,500	
Survey (add'l conservation comm request)	$4,500	
Topo	n/a	
Test Pits	n/a	
Borings	$6,000	
Geotechnical (in borings)	$0	
Other		
Sub Total	$40,000	
Soft Costs:		
Feasibility (fundraising)	$0	
Consulting (fundraising)	$0	
Phase 2 Assessment	$10,000	
A/E fees (architectural, including reimbursables)	$150,000	
Site Engineering	$25,000	
Engineering (electrical, mechanical, structural)	$60,000	
Permit preparation	$0	
Permits & Impact Fees	$0	
Legal Fees	$7,500	
Construction Interest	$0	
Financing Fees	?	
Builders Risk Insurance	$5,000	
Bond /LOC.(town req.?)	$30,000	
Sub Total	$287,500	
Construction		
Testing (code req'd construction testing)	$25,000	
Site	included	
Landscaping	included	
Demolition	included	
Bldg. Construction	$3,000,000	
Utility Costs	$3,000	
10% Contingency (5% on new construction)	$150,000	
Sub Total	$3,178,000	
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment		
Furniture	$25,000	
Decorating (window coverings)	$0	
Phone System	$5,500	
Computer Systems	$7,500	
Security Systems	$5,000	
Equipment (appliances)	$15,000	
Moving	$3,000	
Sub Total	$61,000	
Cost Total	$3,566,500	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	$3,566,500	

LIBRARY REPORT

The library was a busy place in 2009! We had nearly 2,000 more patron visits than in 2008. As always, our numbers spike in the summer when vacationers and seasonal residents return. Our popular summer reading program also brings many patrons into the library throughout the summer--127 kids, teens and adults participated in summer 2009.

We continued many of our popular programs this year including the Freedom Flicks Film Series for adults, Pizza & Movie nights monthly through the school year and weekly during the summer, and art exhibits featuring a different artist every two months. We held Teen nights and Fun Fridays throughout the summer and the kids' writing workshop was again well-attended. Preschool story time is a popular year-round offering.

We offered three professional programs for children including Reptiles on the Move, held during Old Home Week to a record crowd. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we lent out family passes to Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Portland Museum of Art and The Remick Country Doctor Museum and Farm.

After 20 years of service, co-founder Lee Fritz stepped down as leader of the Freedom Book Club. Sylvia Carney has stepped in to take over from Lee. The book club meets eight months during the year. Among other activities, the book club participated in the One Book One Valley event in the fall when people all over the valley read The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian.

In 2009, the library again benefited from a host of volunteers who staffed the desk, taught classes, cleaned up the grounds, and redid the front door. Our thanks to all who helped make the library such a wonderful place. The Friends of the Library held a volunteer recruitment event in the fall and many people have signed on to become more involved in Friends activities and library tasks.

We received a special grant from a patron to replace our VHS tapes with DVDs. We now have a very attractive and popular collection of movies to borrow. If the library doesn't own the film, the librarian will either borrow them from another library in the state or borrow them using the library's Netflix membership (a gift from the Friends). Our participation in the NH Downloadable Audio Books program continues to be popular–patrons downloaded 468 audio books for free in 2009.

With the support of the selectmen, we replaced the library's boiler this year and had a new oil tank installed in the basement. The new super-efficient boiler and programmable thermostats have kept our heating costs in check.

The library lost a good friend when Jim Scully passed away last summer. Jim was a former trustee and a beloved presence in Freedom. Friends of Jim and Peg donated over $2,700 in Jim's memory that is now in a special fund. The Scully family will use these funds to make a gift to the library in Jim's memory.

We invite all Freedom residents to visit and discover what a community treasure we have here at the Freedom Public Library and thank Elizabeth Rhymer and Judy Johnson for all of their hard work in making it so.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Scully, Chair
Karin Schiller, Secretary
Anne Cunningham, Treasurer

LIBRARY REPORT

Assets 1/1/09	
Checking	$117.80
Money Market	$20,886.25
Centennial Fund	$25.00
Endowment Fund	$17, 272.95
Cayford Trust	$6,698.00
Williams Fund	$19,294.61
Total Assets 1/01/09	$64,294.61
Receipts 2009	
Book Sales	$1,264.70
CD Interest	$1,209.87
Conscience Fund	$359.30
Fax & Copier	$360.60
Friends Donation	$3,500.00
Interest Inc	$59.71
Other Inc	$6,187.28
Town Appropriation	$59,775.00
Total Receipts 2009	$72,716.46
Total Assets & Receipts	$137,011.07
Expenditures 2009	
Books	$8,224.38
Computer	$3,794.52
Dues & Conferences	$430.00
Electricity	$2,535.21
Grounds	$2,433.20
Heat	$3,557.42
Maintenance	$6,278.98
Other Expenses	1,801.50
Periodicals	$291.79
Petty Cash	$100.00
Postage	203.20
Supplies	2,054.99
Tax	2,617.94
Telephone	$853.96
Wages	$34,221.09
Water	$475.00
Total Expenditures 2009	$69,873.18
Assets 1/01/10	
Checking	$11,006.09
Money Market	$9,525.84
Centennial Fund	$25.00
Endowment Fund	17,772.95
Cayford Trust	$6,698.00
Williams Fund	$19,294.61
Total Assets 1/01/09	$67,137.89
Total Expenditures & Assets	$137,011.07

FIRE DEPARTMENT

I would like to take this time to thank the residents of Freedom for their continuous support, the members of the Fire Department who continue to respond to the Town's residents requests during their emergency and non emergency needs, the Police and Highway Departments for their continuous support, the Board of Selectmen and the ladies in the Town Office for their continuous support throughout the year.

On September 25th, 2009 at the Firefighters Appreciation Weekend at Danforth Bay Campground the Freedom Fire- Rescue Department received a formal presentation of a Snowbulance Rescue Sled with trailer to our department by the family of Chris Haynes. Chris suffered fatal injuries in a snowmobile accident in March of last year. Robert Haynes, father of Chris, set a mission that he would raise the monies to purchase a rescue sled for the Fire Department. Mr. Haynes raised approximately $12,000.00 from donations of family and friends. I would like to thank Mr. Haynes, his wife Sheila and his sons Tim and Patrick for this generous donation.

Snowbulance	$5,217.36	Trailer	$800.00
Stretcher	$500.00	Misc	$67.28

As of January 1, 2010 the following regulation has been enacted:

Automatic Fire Warning Devices and Carbon
Monoxide Detection Devices in Dwellings

1. Each unit contained in multi-unit dwelling shall be equipped with Automatic Fire Warning Devices and Carbon Monoxide Detection Devices. On every floor level, in each common stairway and in each common hallway of a multi-unit dwelling there shall be an Automatic Fire Warning Device and Carbon Monoxide Detection Device.

2. Every single family dwelling which is built or substantially rehabilitated after January 1, 2010 shall be equipped with an Automatic Fire Warning Device and a Carbon Monoxide Detection Device.

2a. Every rental unit as defined in RSA 153:1,IX-a shall be equipped with at least one Automatic Fire Warning Device and one Carbon Monoxide Detection Device. An automatic Fire Warning Device shall be located in each hallway or area which is adjacent to a sleeping area. The provisions of this paragraph shall be in addition to any requirements under paragraph II. The owner of the rental unit shall be responsible for maintaining the Automatic Fire Warning Device and Carbon Monoxide Detection Device in a suitable condition.

RSA 153:1 IX-a. "Rental Unit" means any residential unit in a building or single family dwelling which provides permanent or transient living facilities for one or more person, which is occupied by tenants on a rental basis. This term shall include but not be limited to: hotels, motels, dormitories, apartments, duplex units, rooms rented out of the home of another, and single family dwellings, so long as they are rented.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene F. Doe, Jr.
Fire Chief

Fire Calls

Fuel/Oil Spill	2
Chimney Fire	4
MVA	19
Wires Down/Trees on Wires	5
Storm Patrol/R.A.	2
Flooding	2
CO Alarm	5
Fire Alarm	22
Stove/Chimney Problem	2
Vehicle Fire	1
Snowmobile Fire	1
Snowmobile Accident	2
ATV Accident	1
Bicycle Accident	1
Tractor/Machinery Fire	1
Sound of Explosion	1
Gas Leak/Odor	2
Odor Investigation	1
Brush/Woods Fire	2
Water Rescue	1
Electrical Odor	1
Lightning Strike	2
Illegal Burn	3
Furniture Fire	1
Tree in Road	2
Shed Fire	1
PD Assist	2
Cat in a Tree	1
M.A. Brush/Woods Fire	2
M.A. Structure Fire	6
M.A. Car Fire	1
M.A. Room/Contents Fire	1
M.A. Station Coverage	4
M.A. MVA	3
M.A. Fire Alarm	5

EMS Calls

Abdominal Pain	6
Cardiac Arrest	1
Overdose(Drug/ETOH)	5
Hip Pain	1
Untimely	5
Chest Pain	13
Fall	10
General Illness	5
Diabetic	7
Dizziness	3
Difficulty Breathing	15
Altered Mental Status	1
Burn Victims	2
Combative Subject	1
Ankle/Leg Fracture	2
Arm Fracture	1
Dislocated Knee	2
Cardiac Problem	2
Lift Assist	18
Laceration	2
Struck by Object	1
Allergic Reaction	3
Stroke	3
Choking Person	1
Seizure	12
Back Pain	6
Eye Injury	1
Unconscious	5
Syncope	8
Unknown Medical	3
Medical Alarm	1
Chemical Exposure	1
Ingested Object	1
Public Assist/Welfare Check	5
Medic Intercepts	13
Obstetric Emergency	1
Standby in Quarters	1
No Responders	5
M.A. Medical Aid	3

289 TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE (11/25/08 – 11/24/09)

MEDSTAR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC

To the People of Freedom,

In 2009, Medstar responded to nearly 2000 calls for service. In addition to the increase in call volume, we have made multiple advances in the services we provide, some of which are listed below.

We now have six ambulances online and four more that are getting paint jobs and new decal work. We have more that twenty employees with twelve full timers. Over 80% of our full time roster is ALS. Our goal is to have double ALS (2 EMT-I's or an EMT-I and a Paramedic) on every ambulance that leaves the base. We have our Medstar Training Center, located in Center Ossipee, with classes running throughout the year. We have an in house mechanic and an excellent maintenance program. Some of the new equipment purchases include two LifePak 12's and three medication infusion pumps. We have purchased an older model RV and are in the process of purchasing a small tag long camper to be utilized for lengthy events such as firefighter rehab at a working fire and as an accommodation for displaced families that are waiting for the American Red Cross or other services. As we renew ambulance service contracts, we intend to work with the local Fire and Rescue departments to train a minimum of 20 residents in CPR/AED per year. We are striving for 24/7 Paramedic availability and are close to achieving our goal. We have a new logo and a new uniform to go along with the new direction of Medstar.

We look forward to our continued growth, improvement, and our service to the Town of Freedom.

I would like to Thank the Board of Selectmen, Freedom Fire & Rescue and of course the people of Freedom for their continued support.

Ossipee Responses

Medical Aid	140
Trauma	14
Motor Vehicle	14
Assist Fire	40
PD Assist	2
Total	**210**

Advanced Life Support Transports	79
Basic Life Support Transports	38
Resident Transports	83
Non-Resident Transports	34

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian E. Johns, Medstar EMS

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk of frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered in snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us or more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests and Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire outlook towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

(Figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

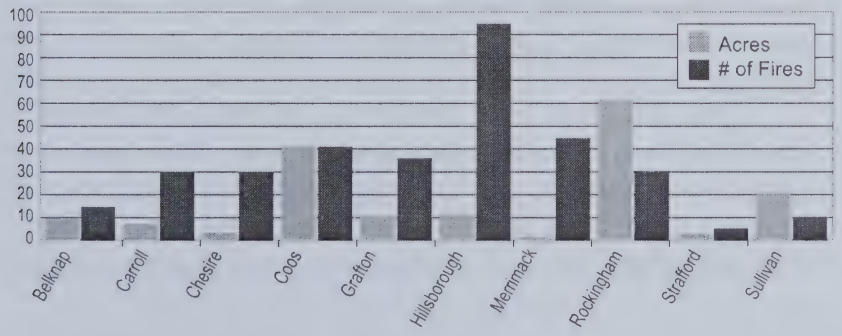
COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	**Acres**	**# of Fires**
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Chesire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	4	Railroad	5
Debris	184	Equipment	5
Campfire	18	Lightning	0
Children	12	Misc.*	91
Smoking	15		

(Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	TOTAL FIRES	TOTAL ACRES
2009	**334**	**173**
2008	**455**	**175**
2007	**437**	**212**
2006	**500**	**473**
2005	**546**	**174**



POLICE REPORT

The Freedom Police Department consists of three full-time officers, an on-call animal control officer and a part-time secretary. I am the Chief and I started working for the Freedom Police Department part-time in 1998 and came on full-time in 2003. Along the way I worked for the Carroll County Sheriff's Department and the Ossipee and Tamworth Police Departments. One day I really hope to retire from the Freedom Police Department.

Our second full-time officer is Sergeant James Mullen. Jamie started working here full-time last February and worked here for several years prior to that in a part-time capacity. Jamie also works for the Madison Police Department and before that worked for the Ossipee and Tuftonboro Police Departments and also served in the United States Marine Corps. I feel extremely lucky to have been able to attain Jamie in a full-time capacity. He has brought a vast amount of experience and knowledge with him. I may upset some police officers by saying this, but I think most of them would agree that Jamie is one of the best and brightest police officers I have ever had the privilege of working with.

Our third full-time officer is Peter Tourigny along with his K-9 Boone. Peter is in his third year with us and is doing an outstanding job. Prior to Pete being a police officer he spent nine years in the United States Marine Corps. This year Pete and Boone attended and graduated from a three month K-9 training academy in Manchester. Officer Tourigny is now a nationally certified K-9 handler and Boone is a nationally certified patrol K-9. Officer Tourigny and Boone also attended and graduated from a drug detection school hosted by the Goffstown Police Department which made Boone a multi-purpose K-9. Officer Tourigny has been a colossal asset to the police department and the town as a whole. In the time Peter has been here I have not received one single citizen complaint about him. I have, however, received numerous amounts of favorable comments and letters of commendation.

Our on-call Animal Control Officer is Joanne Gayer. Joanne has

been working here now for a few years and has taken her job very seriously. The Animal Control Officer position has historically been a difficult job to fill. It is a totally on-call job which makes it difficult for most people to perform. I can count on one hand the amount of times over the last few years that Joanne has been unable to handle a call.

This spring we had a rash of car break-ins. All of the vehicles that were broken into were unsecured and were all over town. Fortunately they stopped as quickly as they started. We also had several homes and businesses burglarized this year and they were also spread all over town and were perpetrated at all hours of the day and night. In today's society and current economic condition, theft seems to be the most commonly committed crime. The easiest way to prevent theft is by not giving anybody the OPPORTUNITY to steal your property. You do this best by not making yourself an easy, simple, weak or lucrative target for criminals. The more obstacles or adverse factors you place in their path, the less likely criminals will bother with you. Criminals don't like to work very hard to obtain their desired unlawful ends. With that said, I want everybody to clearly understand that you are personally responsible for your own self-protection and property. Many people are under the false assumption that crime is only the responsibility of the police. Make no mistake about it any effort to deal with crime must have the full support and cooperation of the community. It is impossible for any police department to effectively do their job without the help of the good people in the community.

Looking forward to 2010, the one major thing I am asking for is manpower, especially for the summer months. Freedom has approximately between 1400 and 1500 year round residents. During the summer months that number skyrockets. I have heard several different estimations that range from 12,000 to 25,000. Whichever number it is or anywhere in between I know it puts a strain on police services. Nationally there is approximately 1 police officer for every 1500 people. Freedom has 3 full-time officers, including myself. Keep in mind that there is 24 hours in a day and 7 days in a week. That is 168 hours in a week. If you divide that by the 40 hour

work week that the average police officer works that means it would take 4.2 officers to cover 24 hours a day seven days a week. The Freedom Police Department aspires to cover every call that comes into the Town of Freedom, however, that is just unrealistic with the current staffing. As it stands now, there is generally one officer on duty at any given time. The day shift covers from 4:00 am to 4:00 pm and the night car covers from 4:00 pm to 4:00 am. Obviously there are going to be times when there is not going to be an officer available. For instance, if an officer is on vacation or is sick. We also have to attend court and yearly mandatory training that often takes us out of town.

What I am asking for this year are monies to hire several certified police officers to work part-time. What I have budgeted for is the equivalent of putting one officer on the road for one shift a week for nine months and two shifts a week for three months, the primary focus being on the three summer months. The New Hampshire State Police and the Carroll County Sheriff's Office help us out a great deal and all their help is incredibly appreciated. I have spoken fairly extensively over the last year with the heads of both agencies. They have both told me that there agencies want to work in a support role. If they have a Deputy or Trooper available to handle a call that the Freedom Police Department cannot, they will assist if they can.

According to the Carroll County Sheriff's Office Communications Center, 2447 calls for service came into there dispatch for the Town of Freedom. Below is a list of some of the calls that we investigated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Josh L. Shackford

2009 OFFENSES

911 Hangups	7
911 Open Line	1
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	1
Alarm	23
Alcoholism Protective Custody	4
Animal Complaint	41
Assist Citizen	4
Assist to other agency	11
Burglary	6
Civil Issue	3
Civil Standby	4
Conduct after Accident	1
Criminal Mischief	9
Criminal Trespass	2
Disobeying an Officer	1
Domestic Disturbance	6
Driving after Revocation or suspension	2
Driving while Intoxicated	2
Failure to Yield	1
False Information to Secure Firearm	2
Harassment	3
Identity Fraud	2
Indecent Exposure	1
Issuing Bad Checks	6
Littering	1
Lost Property	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	7
Motorist Assist	3
Negligent Driving	1
Noise Complaint	2
Obscene Matter/Material	1
OHRV Compliant	3
Operate on Land of Another w/out permission	1
Operate on Public Way	1
Operate without Valid License	1
Phone Harassment	4
Police Report of Accident Required	3
Possession of Controlled/ Narcotic Drug	3
Reckless Conduct	1
Record Check	3
Recovered Property	2
Registration of Sex Offenders	4
Resisting Arrest or Detention	1
Riding on Bicycles – Rules of the Road	1
Road Hazard	1
Road Hazard – Plowing Across Road	1
Runaway Juvenile	2
Serve Civil Paperwork	2
Serve Subpoena	1
Serve Temporary Restraining Order	1

Sex Offender Duty to Report	1
Simple Assault	7
Speed	1
Statutory Rape	1
Suicide	1
Suspicion & Intelligence	5
Theft All Other	6
Theft from Building	2
Theft from Motor Vehicle	8
Theft of Lost or Mislaid Property	1
Unlawful Possession of Alcohol	3
Unregistered OHRV	1
Unsworn Falsification	1
Untimely or Unattended Death	1
Unwanted Person	1
VIN Verification	12
Welfare Check	4
Woodland Fire Control	1
Rubbish Illegal Deposit	1
Traffic Citations	234
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20

2009 Felonies:

Reckless Conduct	1
Issuing Bad Checks	3
Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault	1
Statutory Rape	1
Burglary	5
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1
Identity Fraud	2

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Your local health official plays a critical role in effective local and regional public health system management and is responsible for three critical functions. The first is to enforce applicable New Hampshire laws and administrative rules (i.e. regulations), as well as local ordinances and regulations enacted by the community. The second critical function is to serve as a liaison between state officials, local elected officials, and the community on issues concerning local public health. The third is to be a leader and active participant in efforts to develop regional public health capacities.

This year was certainly busy with the arrival of the novel H1N1 influenza season. I participated in several teleconferences with those at the state level working on this public health issue. I also worked closely with our Fire Chief, local Camp Nurses, and the Freedom School Nurse to be sure H1N1 plans were appropriate for the various environments.

Other topics requiring health officer attention this year included West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis education, septic and rental property inspections, community education, winter safety issues, and elderly concerns.

I hope you have all visited the new Freedom Health Officer website within the Town of Freedom website. The purpose of this website is to bring public health knowledge to everyone in Freedom. I welcome your thoughts, questions, and comments.

I can be reached through the town office or by email at freedomhealthofficer@gmail.com

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela C. Fortin, RN MPH
Health Officer

TRANSFER STATION

Before I recap 2009 there are a few things I would like to bring up for 2010.

1) Parking outside the transfer station gates. Due to some close calls over the past few years this is prohibited.

2) The scrap iron piles. Is what it says scrap iron? In 2009 we lost revenue due to the amount of trash and non-metallic items in the pile. Now it has put us under strict scrutiny before iron can be hauled out.

3) The brush piles. This is under state control we will stop taking brush or charging tipping fees if we keep finding non-burnables in the brush pile.

4) The leaf and pine needle pile. Trash does not belong in this pile period and all bags must be dumped regardless of the type of bag.

5) Starting *after* Memorial Day the transfer station hours will change, they are as follows:

Summer hours: Tuesday 8-5 Thursday 8-5 Saturday 8-5 Sunday 8-5
Winter hours: Tuesday 8-4 Saturday 8-4 Sunday 9-4

Now onto 2009. The transfer station had 934.97 tons removed, of that 27.10% was recycled from our solid waste and 22% from the over all total. Yes, our tonnage was down while our percentages stayed about the same telling me our program is still working.

2009 was not a good year for me health wise spending four months recovering from multiple life threatening surgeries. During this time many people stepped up to the plate to cover for me and keeping the transfer station operational. For fear of leaving somebody out I won't list names, you know who you are and I owe a debt of gratitude, thank you. I would like to thank all of the department heads and their staff, the selectman and my special thanks to the taxpayers and users of the transfer station.

"The achievements of an organization are the results of combined effort of each individual." *Vince Lombardi*

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Brooks
Transfer Station Manager

	2007	2008	2009
TRASH	486.79	474.50	481.27
DEMO	243.49	261.49	248.29
GLASS	56.39	25.58	0
RECYCLE	133.79	149.83	166.02
SCRAP IRON	58.00	38.00	32.62
ELECTRONICS	0	3.50	6.77
TOTAL TONS	**978.46**	**952.90**	**934.97**

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The problems in the economy had an impact on the Planning Board's activities in 2009. The Board received no applications for either major or minor subdivisions. Over the course of the year, the Board approved two boundary line adjustments and one site plan review.

With fewer applications, the Planning Board spent more time on planning! We worked on the recommendations of the Master Plan, moving forward on housing issues, drinking water protection, and adopting best management practices to protect the town's wetlands. We revised the floodplain ordinance and proposed changes to improve the zoning ordinance.

On March 9, voters will have the opportunity to have their say on five ballot questions. Here is a brief description of each question:

1. Revisions to bring Freedom's existing Floodplain Ordinance into compliance with FEMA requirements so that Freedom residents in flood hazard areas obtain flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program.
2. Allowing residential camping by family members and friends on a resident's property for a limited time. Today, the ordinance does not permit residential camping at all. This addition to the zoning ordinance will provide options during vacation periods and family reunions.
3. Amend Article 306 that deals with the ZBA granting Special Exceptions that streamline the process for some applicants. The existing rules require that applications involving erosion control or cutting and removal of trees and natural vegetation go through a list of thirteen (13) standards. These changes will focus the discussion on only those standards that apply to erosion control and cutting and removal of tress and natural vegetation.
4. Amend Article A304.1(a) that requires that forestry-tree farming in the Wetlands Conservation Overlay District use best management practices. The amendment provides two (2) references for sources describing these best management practices.

5. Update all references in the zoning ordinance that refer to two (2) agencies whose names have changed (Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission is now the Department of Environmental Services, and the Soil Conservation Service is now the Natural Resource Conservation Service). Other than updating these names, this question does not change any zoning provisions.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham
Chair

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2010

The Planning Board meets on the third Thursday of the month commencing at 7:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular Planning Board Meeting
December 23, 2009	January 21, 2010
January 28, 2010	February 18, 2010
February 25, 2010	March 18, 2010
March 25, 2010	April 15, 2010
April 29, 2010	May 20, 2010
May 27, 2010	June 17, 2010
June 24, 2010	July 15, 2010
July 29, 2010	August 19, 2010
August 26, 2010	September 16, 2010
September 30, 2010	October 21, 2010
October 28, 2010	November 18, 2010
November 24, 2010	December 16, 2010

ZONING OFFICER

Zoning requirements for 2009 were steady with routine requests for building expansions, issues requiring enforcement, and work on changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Zoning permits are issued separately from building permits for assurance of compliance with setback requirements and environmental protection.

Shoreland protection situations have occupied the most time. I have been able to assist numerous applicants with the necessary route to take in obtaining state and town permits. I would encourage landowners to look into zoning considerations prior to carrying out activities which may require town and/or state permits. Normally compliance can be worked out to everyone's satisfaction. These procedures are for the purpose of ensuring healthy water quality for all of us and protect land values now and into the future.

In an effort to further assist those who have shoreland questions, a file has been established at the Town Office with information of various topics related to land use for properties located on open water. These include general suggestions for reducing erosion, and therefore helping improve water quality, even when not required by permit or law.

I once again ask residents to come forth with concerns regarding zoning and possible ordinance changes. Proposed changes will be presented for vote on 2010 town meeting day. These are discussed at public monthly planning board meetings and presented at additional public hearings. Living in a community requires some level of control in the interest of the health and welfare of its landowners and protection of the character of the Town, and works best with thoughtful input from all citizens.

Respectively submitted,
Ned Hatfield

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 13 cases in 2009; four of those were requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). All four variances were granted. The Board heard one requests for a use variance (requests to have a use contrary to the zoning code). The variance was granted. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Fortune to install stairs in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. DiPietro to install a culvert in the wetland.
- Granted a special exception to allow Ms. Allison to build a stone retaining wall to correct damage from the tornado.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Mrs. Trainor to prevent erosion control with the installation of a retaining wall in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Roy to repair his beach in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Ms. Teikmanis to repair her steps to the water in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow PB & J (Freedom Village Store) to sell food items with on-site preparation of light meals.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mountview Owners Association to repair their beach.
- Granted a special exception to allow The Gray Cottage Trust to replace two retaining walls within the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Mrs. Thomson to cut trees in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Mrs. Thomson to disturb land in the Shore Front District.

Special exceptions are uses that are allowed provided criteria outlined in the zoning code is met. One application has been continued to 2010.

The Board would like take this opportunity to thank Bill Stoops and Ron Champagne for their years of service to on the Board. The Board welcomes Tim Cukpa as a board member; and Kim Cyr and Jake Stephen as alternate members.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
2010

The regular monthly meetings of the **Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustment** are listed below. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall commencing at 7:00 pm.
Completed applications must be submitted by the closing date noted. Items submitted after this date or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda; such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular ZBA Meeting
January 11, 2010	January 26, 2010
February 8 2010	February 23, 2010
March 8, 2010	March 23, 2010
April 12, 2010	April 27, 2010
May 10, 2010	May 25, 2010
June 7, 2010	June 22, 2010
July 12, 2010	July 27, 2010
August 9, 2010	August 24, 2010
September 13, 2010	September 28, 2010
October 12, 2010	October 26, 2010
November 8, 2010	November 23, 2010
December 13, 2010	December 28, 2010

BUILDING CODE REPORT

The Town of Freedom is still growing at a steady pace, even as economic recovery is still lagging far behind, which indicates that the Town is a desirable place to call home.

Housing permits and the overall work load stayed about even with last year with the exception of an increase in wetlands issues, due to more people remodeling their waterfront properties.

2010 holds a promise of an increase in the home and building market as interest rates are still low and more people from south of us are moving up as full-time residents.

I am into my second year as Building Inspector and it's been a pleasure working with Town staff and the nice people of Freedom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert M. Babine
Building Code Officer

BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY 2009

PERMITS ISSUED	145
PERMIT FEES	$20,908.40
FINES COLLECTED	$0.00
SINGLE FAMILY HOUSE PERMITS	11
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION	$3,874,215.00
INSPECTIONS PERFORMED	147
STOP WORK ORDERS ISSUED	3

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

"What I saw in terms of quality of work and care, I would consider exemplary. The Freedom Conservation Commission (FCC) and the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) have done an excellent job. It is a very handsome property and a tremendously valuable community asset." The previous is a quote from the report by Stephen Walker, Stewardship Specialist and Monitoring Inspector for the State of New Hampshire. He visited the Trout Pond Town Forest on October 14, 2009 for the annual conservation easement inspection. Members of the FCC, FAC and Town Forester Barry Keith, trekked with him.

Mary's Mountain was visited by twenty plus towns folk during the scheduled hike as part of the 2009 Old Home Week festivities. Two guided hikes are scheduled for the 2010 Old Home Week activities: Mary's Mountain and Pequawket Trail.

Extensive road repair was conducted on Jackman Ridge Road to curtail erosion and provide for improved drainage. Ongoing maintenance of this road will be required to maintain an acceptable access to Trout Pond. An additional timber sale was also accomplished toward the improvement of the forest. This also created some successional habitat generation and wildlife openings for wildlife management.

This year we invited Matt Tarr, Wildlife Extension Specialist and Wendy Scribner, Forestry Extension Educator from the UNH Cooperative Extension Service of the University of New Hampshire. The purpose was to have additional input in conjunction with the current evolving work plan for the Town Forest. The plan, where it is feasible and not cost prohibitive, will include wildlife and forest management. FCC and FAC members along with Barry Keith and Rich Gerard accompanied these specialists during their day long visit. Matt Tarr and Wendy Scribner each commented on the grateful foresight of Town voters and numerous volunteers who campaigned diligently to preserve this land.

FCC and FAC extend a job well done to the Town administrative staff, Karen Hatch, Linda Farinella and Dianne Park who support us with timely and accurate schedules, notes and postings. The FCC and FAC are

comprised of RA Oram, Sue Hoople, Greg Bossart, Robert Hatch, Justin Brooks, Mike Gaudette, Alice Custard, Chuck Depew, Steve Jones, Ron Newbury, Dave Charrette and Janet Meyers. I further acknowledge these committees and all volunteers who lend their expertise and time.

Thank you,
R.A. Oram, Chairman

MEETING DATES FCC	**MEETING DATES FAC**
Third Tuesday at 6:30pm	First Wednesday at 7:00pm
January 19	January 6
February 16	February 3
March 16	March 3
April 20	April 7
May 18	May 5
June 15	June 2
July 20	July 7
August 17	August 4
September 21	September 1
October 19	October 6
November 16	November 3
December 21	December 1

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Passage of Article 23 at the March 10, 2009 Town Meeting established this Commission. At a subsequent meeting the Selectmen voted to establish a seven member Commission and included five alternates.

These members and alternates were sworn in by the Town Clerk and the first meeting was held on April 22, 2009 where a mission statement was established, officers elected and a schedule for subsequent meetings established at 7pm on the second Tuesday each month at Town Hall. Agenda and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town Web Site and in printed form at the Town Office.

Primary effort has been focused on research and recording Inventory Reports of Town buildings and locations of interest. The first 14 reports were issued in November, just prior to our formal presentation of activities at the November 10, 2009 Community Club Dinner. These reports have been placed in a binder at the Town Office, Library and at the Village Store. They were well received by the public. Several individuals have offered to assist with producing reports of other buildings and locations.

In the early spring the Commission was asked by the Article 26 Committee to help with research on the present Town Office Building (one of the 14 reports issued in November).

The Selectmen also asked for assistance with evaluating the failed paint on Town Hall.

In the months to come the commission will continue issuing Inventory Reports and will also gather information on potential sources of Grant Funds for well-defined projects.

Sincerely,

Carol Foord – Chairperson	Gale Morris, Member
Alan Fall – Vice-Chairperson	Raymond Dahlstrom, Alt.
Bob Smart – Secretary	Alice Spear, Alt.

Neal Boyle – Select Brd. Rep.	Gail Bizer, Alt.
Bonnie Burroughs, Member	Deborah Fauver, Alt.
Peg Scully, Member	Lee Fritz, Alt.

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2010

The Heritage Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month commencing at 6:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 12
February 09
March (no meeting)
April 13
May 11
June 08
July 13
August (no meeting)
September 14
October 12
November 09
December 14

ROAD AGENT REPORT

This year we did not experience the extreme weather conditions we have in previous years. The summer season was a very productive one. The Highway Department was able to accomplish the many repairs to the Town roads.

The reconstruction of Rice Hill Road was **Funded by FEMA Grant Money**. The deterioration of this road section was by far in the worst condition of any other part of Rice Hill Road to be repaired. In unearthing I discovered a high level of ground water, large rocks, and unsuitable material in the roadbed, all of which had to be removed.

The only thing left to do to finish this road improvement is to have the finished coat of asphalt over the remaining reconstructed portions of the road that only has a base course of asphalt on them at the present. I have saved materials that are unsuitable for specific uses,but when mixed with other material it becomes a valuable product; a form of recycling, retaining and using as much of our natural resources as possible.

Some of this recycling has resulted in having gravel on hand suitable for road maintenance use at Watts' Pit on Route 25. This resource being 7 miles away instead of 10 or 15 miles, saves time and money.

Through the years there have been many changes in the way road maintenance is accomplished. The various studies and researchers have made us aware at how we maintain our roads: mainly our ground water, small streams and controlling erosion.

I have been very diligent in these areas. I have stabilized ditches with Rip Rap Stone or loam, seed, & mulch, or erosion control blankets. These erosion control measures are in the Towns' best interest to maintain safe roadways while protecting our natural resources. In most cases these measures are a requirement.

As a result of these efforts, extreme weather events have caused minimal damages compared to neighboring towns that had entire road beds washed away. A proactive approach to road maintenance is a safer one in our pursuit of safety for the public.

The air, water and earth are for everyone. But everyone must do their part in taken care of MOTHER EARTH.

Maintenance:

- Snow plows cleaned and painted (in spring)
- Interior garage walls and ceiling cleaned and painted (in spring)
- Brush chipper sandblasted and painted (spring/summer)
- F550 Ford dump truck: frame and dump body painted (fall)
- Street Sweeper: refurbished (fall)

Drainage Replacements:

- 128ft of 15" reinforced concrete pipe installation (Scarboro Rd.)
- 3 Precast Concrete Headwalls installation (Scarboro Rd.)
- 125ft of 15" HDPE Culvert Pipe installation (Scarboro & Burnham Rd)

Improvements:

- 2300 ft Rice Hill Road Reconstruction (**Funded by FEMA Grant Monies**)
- Installation of 1100ft of 6" under drain
- Installation of 4 Precast Concrete Dropped Inlets with Type C Throats and Covers
- Installation of 1-Precast Concrete Headwall on existing culvert
- Installation of 200ft of 15" HDPE Culvert
- 2300 ft X 22 ft Excavation of unsuitable material
- Installation of 18" of 4" minus crushed gravel
- Installation of 4" of 1 ½" crushed gravel
- Installation of 2 ½" of ¾" asphalt binder

(All materials meet or exceed NHDOT specifications for Road and Bridge Construction)

The only Town funds used was for the new base asphalt applied. All material from this improvement that could be saved and recycled was.

- Asphalt crushed from Rice Hill with gravel added 2700 cubic yards on hand at (Watts' Pit Route 25)
- Salvaged gravel from Rice Hill Road and Tailings from the screening of winter sand crushed to make ¾" crushed gravel for road maintenance 2500 cubic yards on hand at (Watts' Pit Route 25)

Brush & Tree Clearance:

- Haverhill St., Rice Hill, and Scarboro Roads
- Ossipee Lake Road by Camp Calumet (Guard Rail installation was funded by Camp Calumet)

The Highway Department has been very productive in many areas of the town; all of these achievements are the results of the hard working town crew, each of them being a specialist in their own field of expertise, making the Highway Department so diverse and successful.

All that has been accomplished-are the results of choices and decisions made with safety in mind to reward us all.

The year has ended with much pride behind me, still the desire to do the best job possible for the Town; and continue looking for Subsidy Funds from State and Federal Agencies to minimize the burdens to our Town.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Town Officials, the Police and Fire Department for their assistance and willingness to work together in a cooperative effort, and most of all, the men who work with me day in and day out.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott N. Brooks, Sr.
Road Agent

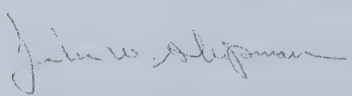
Freedom, NH Old Home Week, 2009
(www.freedomoldhomeweek.com)
"Celebrating Our Heritage"

In 2009, our theme focused on having fun while recognizing the importance of Freedom's heritage and the value that our Historical Society contributes to our Town. Our traditional fundraiser, the Rubber Ducky Race, was held on Saturday, June 28th; a total of 1200 ducks raced over the falls and 3 lucky winners took home prize money.

The Old Home Week events from July 31- August 9 had excellent weather and attendance at all events. We had a lot of good floats and marchers in the parade and this year's parade marshal, Ted Acton, looked dapper in the lead vehicle. We would like to thank Sylvia Carney for recruiting floats and bands, Janet Meyers for organizing the marchers and Dick Many for organizing the judges. And, of course thanks to all our many volunteers as well- it made all the difference. We'd like to recognize some of the "heavy lifters" included: Emery Stokes (everywhere, as usual), Dan Spear (tables and chairs, and also everywhere), the Davis family (hot air balloon, road race, kids games, table tennis, bingo food and more), Arlene Knight and Anne Cunningham (food concessions), Sylvia Carney (9 months of minutes & "To Do" lists), Bob Smart (Church activities), Alice Peterson (FCC craft fair), Lucy and Marshall Kendall (merchandize) and Gene Doe and crew (Lobster dinner). We also owe thanks to Green Mountain Furniture (band tent), Freedom Hardware (bingo prizes), Eastham and Mary Hockmeyer (barn events), Vinnie Beadle (barn for storage) and the Town itself (financial assistance).

The second annual Family Fun Day event at the ball field after the parade ran from 11am to 2pm and was enjoyed by all. The American Legion band from Keene NH and the "Strummers" played a great concert as well. Thanks to all the many volunteers who made Freedom Old Home Week a huge success this year. Stay tuned to the website (see above) for 2010 festivities scheduled for July 30st-August 8th, 2010. The Ducky Race will be Saturday, June 26th, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



John Shipman (2009 Chair), Sylvia Carney (Secretary), Janet Meyers (Treasurer) Howard Bouve' (Ass't Treasurer) Ted Acton, Anne Cunningham, Cindy Davis, Bill Elliott, Lucy Kendall, Marshall Kendall, Arlene Knight, Paul Knight, Dick Many, Carol McIntire, Bill McIntire, Janet Meyers, Jennifer Molin, Judy Robertson, Marcia Santner, Lynn Santner, Bob Smart, Ellie Stokes and Emery Stokes.

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY'S REPORT

The following is a report of the expense of the Dam Authority for the year 2009. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These figures are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A.

Sum Required By DES	**$30,000.00**
Expenditures:	**$12,976.62**

Equalization Assessment Value

Ossipee	**744,607,597.00**	**57.54% of $12,976.62 = $7,453.51**
Freedom	**549,456,463.00**	**42.46% of $12,976.62 = $5,500.11**

These figures are revised each and every year, in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to $30,000.00, the beginning balance of the coming year.

The following is a report of expenses for the Dam Authority for the year 2009.

Fairpoint	**$481.30**
PSNH	**159.72**
Postmaster	**55.60**
DES Bearcamp Gauge	**7,750.00**
John Picard/Chairman (Salary)	**3,000.00**
Robert Houle/Sec. Tres. (Salary)	**500.00**
Snow Removal	**480.00**
Johnson Excavation (Repair entrance to Dam Rd)	**550.00**
Expense	**$12,976.62**

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert F. Houle
Secretary/Treasurer

OSSIPEE WATERSHED WATER QUALITY UPDATE

Water quality monitoring results for the Ossipee Watershed, and specific results for the town of Freedom is based on an in-depth analysis of results through 2008 (a full report was given to the town of Freedom in 2009 and is available online at www.gmcg.org). This update also includes an initial overview of results through 2009. A more detailed summary of results from Freedom sites is available at the Freedom Town Office and a presentation of results, maps, graphs, and program information can be made to the Town upon request. This program is a community-driven research program in cooperation with watershed towns, local residents, UNH, NH Department of Environmental Services, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and the Saco River Corridor Commission.

Overview of Watershed Results 2002-2009:

****Data has been collected across the watershed at 35 sites for 24 different chemical and physical parameters since 2002. Ossipee Lake, Berry Bay and Lower Danforth have been monitored since 2003. Broad and Leavitt Bays have been monitored since 1990.*

- Levels of organic nutrients (phosphorus, nitrate & ammonium) are generally low.
- Levels of dissolved oxygen, conductivity, and turbidity are within a healthy range to support aquatic life.
- Ossipee Lake, Berry Bay, Broad Bay, Leavitt Bay and Danforth Pond showed concentrations of chlorophyll-a, transparency, total phosphorus, and conductivity that are low (good) to average for NH lakes.
- Macroinvertebrate community sampling showed that most of the 10 river sites sampled are in "good" to "excellent" condition. Additional water quality data for local rivers and streams is available in above referenced reports and website.

Sites with water quality issues:

- **Sodium Chloride (salt):** Square Brook, Ossipee Lake Road in Freedom; Phillips Brook, Route 25 in Effingham; Frenchman's Brook, Granite Road in Ossipee; and Banfield Brook, Route 113 in Madison all show elevated levels of sodium, chloride and conductivity, 3 to 4 times higher than the typical background levels for NH surface waters. **Road salt** storage and/or application near these sites and throughout the watershed is the primary source. Road salt runoff enters streams via culverts and ditches and it may infiltrate into

groundwater supplies through roadside soils. Further studies are needed to determine how much of this elevated sodium is due to past or present de-icing practices. Freedom's Road Agent uses Best Management Practices and crew education to help maximize the balance between environmental and safety needs with respect to de-icing procedures on town roads. De-icing practices on State roads and garages within our watershed are managed from the NH District 3 office in Gilford, NH.

- **Water Clarity:** Water clarity (transparency) has **significantly decreased** at the following deep spots based on 10 years of data:
    - **Broad Bay:** significantly **decreasing (worsening) transparency** by approximately 3.0% annually (on average).
    - **Leavitt Bay:** significantly **decreasing (worsening) transparency** by approximately 2.3% annually (on average).
    - The exact cause of, and potential cures for, decreasing water quality in these local bays is still to be determined. Further study is needed in this area.

Water quality sampling is coordinated and conducted by Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG), with help from local volunteers. GMCG is a regional conservation organization founded in 1997 whose primary focus is the "Ossipee Watershed", an area encompassing Sandwich, Tamworth, Ossipee, Madison, Freedom, and Effingham. GMCG's vision is an Ossipee Watershed characterized by clean water and land use decisions that protect shared natural resources for future generation. All six watershed towns, including Freedom, along with local donors, provide partial financial support to help ensure continued knowledge of our local water quality. See www.gmcg.org for more detailed information on local water quality research, education and advocacy programs.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE

Pursuant to RSA 160-B:10 and RSA 160-C:6, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire, hereby ordains as follows for the purpose of providing a tool for law enforcement and fire officials to deal with complaints, and to allow people to enjoy their property without diminishing the rights or safety of all others.

Non commercial displays of fireworks within the town of Freedom is prohibited. Commercial displays shall be required a permit through the Fire and Police Chief.

Non commercial fireworks will be permitted for a period of nine (9) days including four (4) days prior to July 4th and four (4) days after, provided they are used in a safe manner, in a non-densely populated area (as determined by the enforcing officer). No fireworks will be permitted after 10pm.

No minors may use fireworks without direct adult supervision.

Penalties

Any person found in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine up to $250.00, plus restitution as required.

All fireworks in the possession of a violator or in violation of this ordinance will be confiscated.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or repealed by appropriate authority.

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2009

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	COMMON TRUST:												
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	All	All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	2.23	2.23	0.00	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	3.12	3.12	0.00	0.00	210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	7.43	7.43	0.00	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	10.40	10.40	0.00	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	7.43	7.43	0.00	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.74	0.74	0.00	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens,Sweetser,Marston,Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	6.68	6.68	0.00	0.00	450.00
	TOTAL			4,560.00	0.00	0.00	4,560.00	0.00	67.73	67.73	0.00	0.00	4,560.00

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TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	COMMON TRUST:												
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	All	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.00	1.66	1.66	0.00	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1960	Chester H Drake			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	7.43	7.43	0.00	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	6.68	6.68	0.00	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery			2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	29.71	29.71	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	7.43	7.43	0.00	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL			10,622.00	0.00	0.00	10,622.00	0.00	157.77	157.77	0.00	0.00	10,622.00

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	COMMON TRUST:												
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	CD	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	2.23	2.23	0.00	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	All	All	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	4.46	4.46	0.00	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	4.46	4.46	0.00	0.00	300.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	2.97	2.97	0.00	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1988	Mary S Morrison			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.49	1.49	0.00	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent			40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.59	0.59	0.00	0.00	40.00
1999	Town Cemetery Fund			1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	0.00	27.34	27.34	0.00	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,153.00	0.00	0.00	15,153.00	0.00	225.07	225.07	0.00	0.00	15,153.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	CD	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	14.83	14.83	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	CD	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1.48	1.48	0.00	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	16.31	16.31	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			**16,253.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,253.00**	**0.00**	**241.38**	**241.38**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,253.00**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2009

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DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	GENERAL FUNDS:												
	Expendable Trust Funds:												
2001	School District	Spec Ed	CD	26,288.06	3,000.00	0.00	29,288.06	565.75	440.11	0.00	0.00	1,005.86	30,293.92
2002	Town	Road Right-of Way	CD	11,975.15	0.00	1,170.00	10,805.15	257.72	169.85	0.00	0.00	427.57	11,232.72
2006	Town	Removal of Milfoil	CD	522.01	0.00	0.00	522.01	11.25	7.92	0.00	0.00	19.17	541.18
2009	Public Library	Maint Bldg & Equip	CD	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1.15	0.00	0.00	1.15	1,001.15
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			38,785.22	4,000.00	1,170.00	41,615.22	834.72	619.03	0.00	0.00	1,453.75	43,068.97
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:												
1996	School District	Bus	CD	13,273.75	0.00	0.00	13,273.75	1,122.26	213.75	0.00	0.00	1,336.01	14,609.76
1996	Highway Department Equip	Equip	CD	61,063.19	10,000.00	0.00	71,063.19	1,271.75	937.07	0.00	0.00	2,208.82	73,272.01
2002	Fire Department	Equip	CD	111,734.10	30,000.00	0.00	141,734.10	1,792.69	1,720.01	0.00	0.00	3,512.70	145,246.80
2006	Town-New Municipal Building and Land		CD	152,348.12	50,000.00	37,349.00	164,999.12	2,258.64	2,176.08	0.00	0.00	4,434.72	169,433.84
2007	Transfer Station	Equip	CD	5,014.69	0.00	0.00	5,014.69	107.93	76.05	0.00	0.00	183.98	5,198.67
2009	School District Bus	Boiler	CD	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	96.38	0.00	0.00	96.38	7,096.38
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			**343,433.85**	**97,000.00**	**37,349.00**	**403,084.85**	**6,553.27**	**5,219.34**	**0.00**	0.00	11,772.61	414,857.46
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS			398,472.07	101,000.00	38,519.00	460,953.07	7,387.99	6,079.75	241.38	0.00	13,226.36	474,179.43

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2009

			PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	GAINS OR LOSSES	BALANCE END OF YEAR	BALANCE START OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	TRANSFER TO PRINCIPAL	BALANCE END OF YEAR	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
Bank of New Hampshire	Cem P/C	Mon Mkt	15,153.00	0.00	0.00	15,153.00	0.00	225.07	225.07	0.00	0.00	15,153.00
Bank of New Hampshire	Library	Mon Mkt	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	16.31	16.31	0.00	0.00	1,100.00
TOTALS			**16,253.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,253.00**	**0.00**	**241.38**	**241.38**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,253.00**

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
01-27-09	Taylor, Lindsey Anne	Taylor, Brett	Taylor, Kelly	N Conway
02-06-09	Thibodeau, Dakota Star Lindsay	Thibodeau, David	Davis, Marie	N Conway
09-30-09	Adams, Paige Elisabeth	Adams, Scott	Eldridge, Sarah	Laconia
10-11-09	Stephan, Chloe Kelly	Stephan, Jacob	Stephan, Kimberly	Rochester

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
02-04-09	Wolfeboro	Carroll, Richard	Carroll, John	Mason, Pauline
02-08-09	Wolfeboro	Acton, Elizabeth	McNaughton, Archibald	Tier, Susan
02-16-09	Lebanon	Sousa, Manuel	Sousa, Manuel	Gomes, Augusta
04-18-09	N Conway	Norton, Mildred	Brooks, Raymond	Brown, Della
04-19-09	Freedom	Gallant, John	Gallant, Wilfred	Martin, Violet
05-21-09	N Conway	Johnson, Walter Jr.	Johnson, Walter Sr.	Beeman, Zelda
08-06-09	Freedom	Woodard, Steven	Woodard, John	Bye, Carolyn
08-11-09	Manchester	Pitzold, William	Pitzold, William	Hardiman, Katerine
10-29-09	N Conway	Reed, Charles	Reed, Laurence	Bullock, Margaret
11-07-09	Dover	Frost, Shirley	Anthony, Arnold	Berry Ruth

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

Date Of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence at time of marriage
02-20-09	Johnson, Kenneth E.	Freedom
	Blazonis, Robyn A.	Freedom
03-07-09	Perry, David A.	Freedom
	Gibson, Mary F.	Freedom
06-12-09	Mitchell, Stephen D.	Manchester
	Straw, Lindsay D.	Freedom
08-01-09	Magnussen, Jr., Roy V.	Freedom
	Lakeman, Stephanie H.	Freedom
08-09-09	Taylor, Bruce R.	Freedom
	Witherell, Jennifer L.	Freedom
09-05-09	Sellers, Jarrod J.	Freedom
	Wiggins, Amanda L.	Freedom
09-09-09	Hunt, Richard A.	Freedom
	Helmbrecht, Jo-Ann	Freedom
09-25-09	Bartolini, Andrew J.	Freedom
	Devaney, Theresa R.	Freedom
10-31-09	Wright, Charles A.	Freedom
	Morrill, Katherine E.	Freedom

Respectfully submitted,
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SELECTMEN
Leslie Babb, Chairman
James Brown
Neal Boyle
Hours:
Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK
A. Elizabeth Priebe
Office Hours:
Monday and Wednesday
Evenings 6:30 to 8pm
Saturday: 9am to 12 noon
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR
Annette Babb
Office Hours:
First Tuesday 7pm to 9pm
2nd & 4th Mondays 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER
Ned Hatfield
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323

BUILDING CODE OFFICER
Robert Babine
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323

Meeting times and office hours are subject to change.

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING
Memorial Day 5/31/10
Independence Day 7/5/10
Labor Day 9/6/10
Columbus Day 10/11/10
Veterans Day 11/11/10
Thanksgiving Day 11/25/10
Civil Rights Day 1/17/11
Presidents Day 2/21/11

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAY CLOSING
Memorial Day 5/31/10
Independence Day 7/3/10
Old Home Day 7/31/10
Labor Day 9/6/10
Columbus Day 10/11/10
Christmas 12/25/10
New Year's 01/01/11
Civil Rights Day 01/17/11
President's Day 2/21/11

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY
Winter Hours:
Begins Labor Day Week
Tues. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 11am to 4pm

Summer Hours:
Begins Memorial Day Weekend
Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sunday
8am to 5pm
Telephone: 539-5364

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Josh Shackford, Chief
Office Hours:
Monday Evenings
6:30 to 8:00 pending
availability from services
Telephone: 539-8268

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes/No (circle one) Registered Voter: Yes/No(circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with:_____

_____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

_____

(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

How well do you know Freedom?

1. Where was the Midway Dance Hall?

2. Where in town was the Blue Flame?

3. Where is Andrews Hill?

4. Where in town was "Cow Path"?

5. Where in town was Hornbeam Hill?

6. Where is Swasey Pond?

7. Where were the two local town pounds located?

8. Where was Clyde's barn located?

9. Which house was referred to as the Republican Hideaway?

10. Where was the Joe Burke Store located?

11. Where was Camp Adewanda Girls Camp?

12. Camp Copperthorn?

13. Camp Wakuta?

14. Where was Margie's lunch?

See next page for answers

Answers to

How Well Do You Know Freedom

1. Midway Dance Hall was located adjacent next to the Fire Station.
2. The area across from the Leuthi Peterson Camp.
3. Starts in the village and is now part of Cushing Corner Road.
4. Cow Path is under Cold Brook Road at the last hill before Ben Road.
5. Hornbeam Hill is the area on Burnham near the McCrackens.
6. Swasey Pond is now called Loon Lake.
7. One town pound was located just above Laura Robinson's home on Cushing Corner Road, the other was near the intersection of Young's Hill and Swett Hill Roads.
8. Clyde's barn was located on Village Road at the end of the field before Wheel Farm.
9. Republican Hideaway although in Freedom their driveway is in Eaton down from Cold Brook Road.
10. The Joe Burke Store was on the right of Ossipee Lake Road just before Camp Calumet.
11. Camp Adewanda was on Young's Hill.
12. Camp Copperthorn was located off West Danforth Bay.
13. Camp Wakuta was Dave's Camp.
14. Historical Society Allard House

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